

Action-Response

Continuum

Important

The list of officer responses is not intended to be in any specific order, but reflects on the amount of resistance encountered. The officer will choose the necessary response to gain control of the situation based on departmental policy, his/her physical capabilities, perception, training, and experience.

Individual's Actions

Officer's Responses

Weapons used against officer
Attempting to disarm officer
Life-threatening weaponless assaults

Deadly force

Striking or kicking officer

Baton techniques
Lateral vascular neck restraint

Wrestling with officer
Pushing officer

Striking, punching, kicking
Aerosols or electrical devices
Baton restraints

Pulling away from officer
Refusing to move—dead weight

Striking muscle groups
Take downs, joint manipulations or pressure points

Not responding to commands
Verbal or physical danger cues

Balance displacement
Escort position
Assistance from other officers
Verbal or physical commands
Officer presence

Special Circumstances

1. Closeness of a weapon
2. Injury or exhaustion
3. Being on the ground
4. Distance from the subject
5. Special knowledge
6. Availability of other options

Officer-Subject Factors

1. Age
2. Sex
3. Size
4. Skill level
5. Multiple subjects/officers
6. Relative strength

Continuum of Arrest: control—handcuff—search—evaluate—transport

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