

# University of South Florida Police Department 2020 Use of Force Policy Analysis

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**Require officers  
to de-escalate  
situations,  
where possible.**

**As mandated by the University of South Florida  
Police Department General Order III-121 Use of Force**

When feasible, and prior to using force, officers must use proper de-escalation techniques based on the unique facts and circumstances of the current situation to increase the

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**Ban  
chokeholds and  
all other neck  
restraints**





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## Require Comprehensive reporting

### As mandated by the University of South Florida Police Department General Order III-121 Use of Force

Officers involved in any use of force incidents shall immediately

1. Notify the on-duty shift supervisor or next higher ranking member, in the absence of the shift supervisor, immediately after the incident; and
2. Notify the appropriate law enforcement agency if primary jurisdiction.

Officers will submit a written report and accompanying Use of

Management System (RMS), whenever a member:

3. Discharges a firearm, for other than training or recreational purposes;
4. Points a firearm or CEW at a person;
5. Applies force through the use of lethal or less-lethal weapons; or
6. Applies any weaponless physical force.

Use of Force Report is not required for incidents involving escorting and/or handcuffing a person with no resistance.

- B. Officers are responsible for sufficiently and accurately documenting the facts and circumstances leading up to and justifying their use of force.
- C. All reports pertaining to use of force incidents will be reviewed by the involved officer(s) immediate supervisor and an appropriate Subject Matter Expert. The completed review will be forwarded through the Chain of Command to the Chief of Police.
- D. Each officer involved in a use of force shall complete their own Use of Force Report detailing their own tour of duty ends, unless otherwise approved by a supervisor.