

	City of Wetaskiwin Policy:	Use of Force Policy
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Policy Statement

All City of Wetaskiwin Community Peace Officers (“Officer” or “Officers”) will be subject to the provisions of the Use of Force Policy and Procedures as hereby set forth, which establishes guidelines for the escalation and de-escalation of force, establishes procedures for reporting the use of force, and creates training guidelines for the future.

Definitions

1. “Reasonable Force” – is defined as an appropriate amount of force used by a City of Wetaskiwin Community Peace Officer which is necessary to affect an arrest; however, in certain instances, “Reasonable Force” may also include a pre-emptive action undertaken by the Officer, as long as such action is executed in good faith by the Officer and for the purposes of protecting themselves or a third party.

Standards

1. The City of Wetaskiwin authorizes the use of force in those situations where force is appropriate and reasonable to effect a lawful arrest, to protect the person of the arresting Officer(s), or to protect the person of an innocent third party or Officer. Officers will not use unnecessary force in the performance of their duties.
2. Procedures shall be followed in the use of force and the reporting of incidences of use.