

## Section 20 – Use of Force

### New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program

#### 20.1 Use of Force: General - **CRITICAL STANDARD**

##### ADMINISTRATION

**STANDARD 20.1** The agency has a written directive consistent with the Municipal Police Training Council Use of Force Model Policy pursuant to Executive Law 840 (4)(d)(3), Executive Law 837-t and 9 NYCRR 6058, that requires:

- A. Personnel use only the amount of force that is objectively reasonable and under the circumstances for the officer involved to effect an arrest, prevent an escape, or defend themselves or others;
- B. Documenting, reviewing, investigating, and reporting use of force; and
- C. Conspicuous posting of current use of force directive(s) on the agency's public website.

##### Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies s listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review and compared to the MPTC Model Policy for consistency.
2. Interview(s) with agency personnel to verify that they are aware of and complying with the directive.
3. The directive is conspicuously posted on the agency website.