

# MESA POLICE -- CONTROL OPTIONS CHART

Officer's Original Goal	Subject's Actions	Officer's Subsequent Goal		Verbal Command	Soft Hands <sup>1</sup>	Ornamental Agent	Limited Hard Hands <sup>2</sup> Taser	Hard Hands <sup>3</sup>	Impact Weapon/ Bean Bag	Deadly <sup>4</sup> Force
		Goal	Goal							
Compliant		Detain/ Arrest	Detain/ Arrest	X	X					
Passive Resistance (Physical actions that do not prevent officer's attempt at control -- may include verbal responses but no threats. Example: professor.)		Detain/ Arrest	Detain/ Arrest	X	X					
Psychological Intimidation (Non-verbal cues indicating subject's attitude, appearance and physical readiness to resist officer's goal.		Detain/ Arrest	Detain/ Arrest	X	X	X				
Defensive Resistance (Physical actions which attempt to prevent officer's control, but no assault. Example: pulling away or running)		Detain/ Arrest	Detain/ Arrest	X	X	X	X			
Protect Subject Attempt to Injure Self or Suicidal		Protect Subject	Protect Subject	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Detain/ Arrest Active Aggression (Assault with non-deadly physical force)		Defend/ Arrest	Defend/ Arrest	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Detain/ Arrest Aggravated Active Aggression (Assault with deadly force)		Defend/ Arrest	Defend/ Arrest	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Detain/ Arrest Dangerous Fleeing Felon 5		Detain/ Arrest	Detain/ Arrest	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

(\*X\* indicates an authorized option)

**Note:** The use of any force is usually reactionary in that the officer is responding to the subject's actions. The officer's goal may then change in response to the subject's actions. Progression of control options will normally proceed from left to right on this chart. However, officers may immediately use any authorized option, if justified.

**Definitions:**

- 1 Soft Hands - Techniques that have minimal chance of injury. Examples: empty hand escort controls; pressure points.
- 2 Limited Hard Hands - hard hands techniques applied to limited areas. Examples: common peroneal, brachia plexus, olecranon, suprascapular, radial, median, and tibial nerves.
- 3 Hard Hands - Techniques that have more than a minimal chance of injury. Examples: kicks, elbow, palm or knee strikes; punches.
- 4 Deadly Force - See FLD 210 - Use of Force. 5 Dangerous Fleeing Felon - See FLD 210 - Use of Force.