

How does CSPD's Use of Force Polices compare to other agencies?

Transparency Matters compared CSPD to nine other peer agencies with similar residential populations, racial/ethnic diversity, agency size, and crime rates. Overall, they found the CSPD is largely consistent with best practice standards, along with peer agencies, in several areas (e.g., requiring use of de-escalation techniques, when possible; verbal warning before deadly force; rendering of first aid; duty to intervene). However, the CSPD is a leader among its peers in the following best practices (which are not routinely followed by peer agencies):



Practice #1

Rather than a single use of force policy, the CSPD has separate policies for the authorization of force, use of specific weapons, documentation of force, training, supervisory review, and investigations.

Practice #2

Rather than guiding officer decision-making based on a use of force continuum, the CSPD uses the Critical Decision-Making Model (a non-continuum-based model).

Practice #3

The CSPD prohibits chokeholds in all cases.