

**BLADENSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT  
USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM**

SUBJECT'S ACTIONS	LEVEL OF FORCE	OFFICER'S RESPONSE
LIFE THREATENING ASSAULT—Threat of death or serious physical injury to officer or another	Lethal	lethal Force
AGGRESSION—Physical assault, or active threat of assault upon the officer or another	High	Tactical Baton, Hard Personal Weapon Control, Less-Lethal Impact Weapon, and Canine
ACTIVE RESISTANCE—Physically evasive movements to defeat the officers attempt at control, or a verbally manifested intent to resist	Intermediate	Chemical Agent, Electronic Control Device (ECD), Pressure Points, Soft Personal Weapon, and Joint Manipulation
PASSIVE OR NON RESPONSIVE—Fails to respond to direction but exhibits no physical resistance	Low	Escort Techniques
COOPERATIVE, COMPLIANT	None	Command Presence and Verbal Direction

The officer shall use only the amount of force that is objectively reasonable and necessary to control an individual, based upon the totality of circumstances known to the officer at the time of the incident. The goal of any use of force is control.

Resistance and response are dynamic. Lower levels of force do not need to be utilized when the subject's actions suggest an elevated response (i.e. Tactical baton for Aggression, as identified above). Likewise, when a suspect's resistance is lowered, or compliance is gained, the officer must immediately reduce their response appropriately.

*This continuum is a training guide only and cannot take into consideration all circumstances that may confront an officer during a specific incident.*