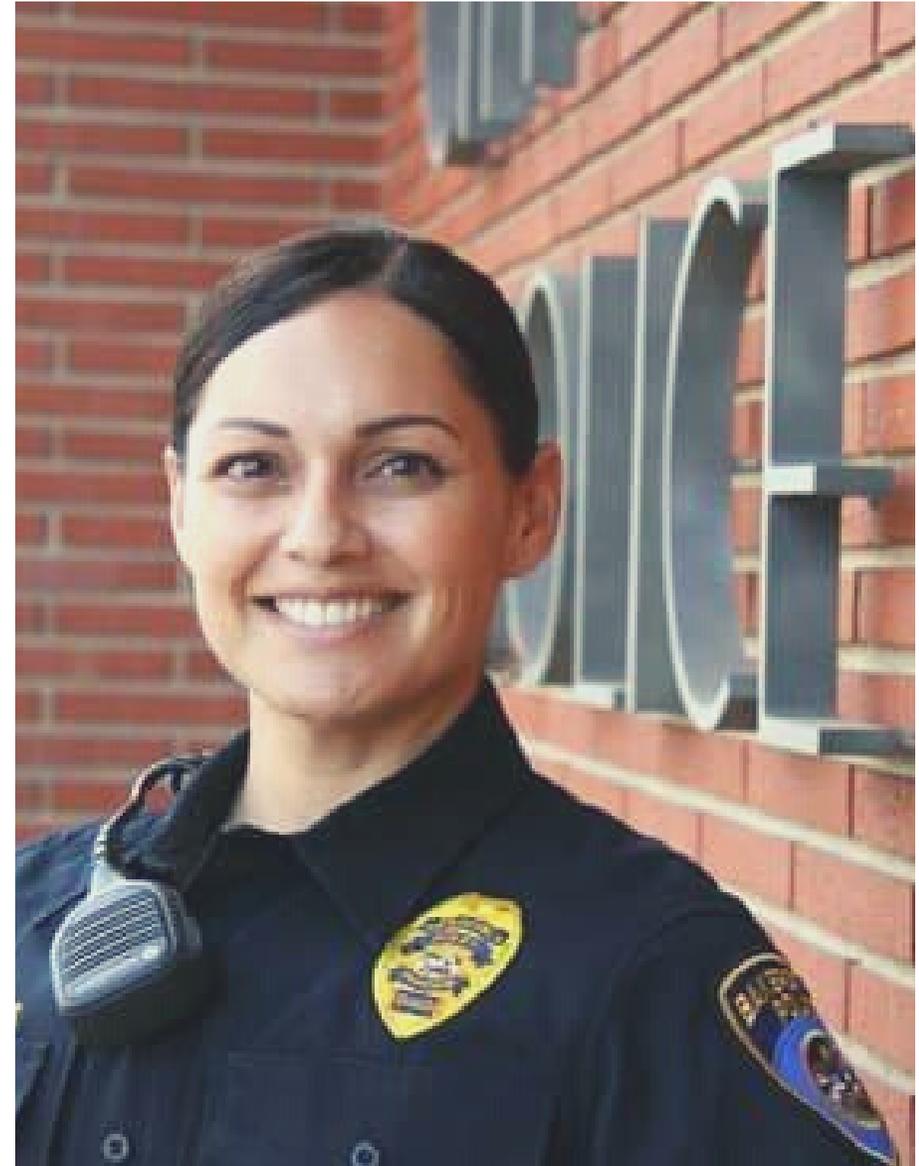


WHERE WE ARE NOW

A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK
AT YOUR BAKERSFIELD
POLICE DEPARTMENT'S
CURRENT POLICIES





BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS

The Bakersfield Police Department banned all use of chokeholds and strangleholds in the 1980's. The use of the carotid control hold (BPD Policy 300.3.4) was suspended on June 11, 2020, pending further review.



REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION

Our officers are trained in de-escalation techniques in the Academy and in ongoing in-service training. De-escalation is interwoven into the department's operations and is included in the department's policies for Crisis Intervention (BPD Policy 430.5), conducted Energy Devices (Tasers) (BPD Policy 303.8) and Use of Force (BPD Policy 300.3.1). The investigation of every use of force includes an assessment of reasonable use of de-escalation techniques.



REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING

A warning that deadly force will be used is required when time allows (BPD Policy 300.4).

REQUIRE DUTY TO INTERVENE

Our policy mandates a duty to intercede if any officer observes another officer using force that is unreasonable. The officer is then required to report their observations to a supervisor (BPD Policy 300.2.1).



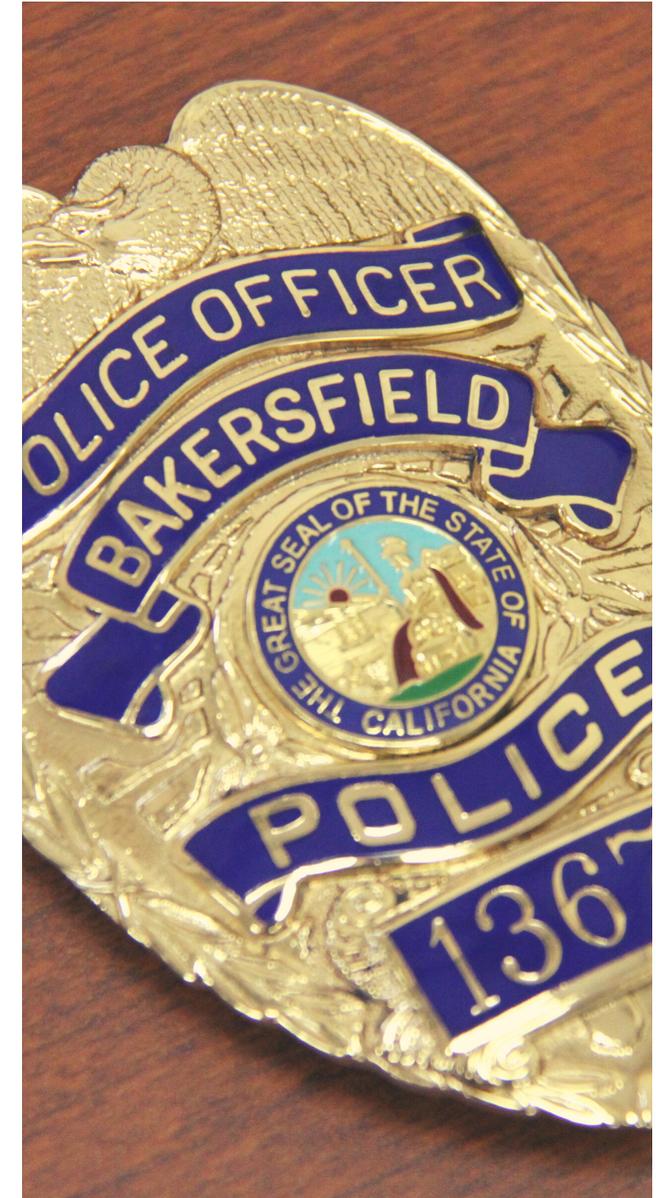


REQUIRE TO EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING

Officers are required to evaluate the use of other reasonably available resources and techniques when determining whether to use deadly force. Deadly force is only used when there is an imminent threat of death or serious injury to the officer or another person (BPD Policy 300.4).

PROPORTIONALITY

Officers are required by our policy, state and federal law, and the Constitution to use only force that is within reason considering the level of resistance offered by the suspect and the type of crime committed (BPD Policy 300).



BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES

Shooting at moving vehicles is only allowed when an officer believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat from the vehicle, or if deadly force other than the vehicle, such as someone shooting from the vehicle, is directed at the officer or others. Officers are trained and expected to move from or avoid the path of a vehicle whenever practical rather than resort to shooting (BPD Policy 300.4.1).



REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

Officers are required to make decisions in rapidly changing situations.



The Use of Force Continuum concept is an aged concept from previous decades and has given way to more knowledgeable, science-based use of force training and policies. Use of Force is covered in section 300, and the policy falls in line with California Penal Code section 835a.

REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING

Officers must report all uses of force to a supervisor without delay. All uses of force are investigated by a field supervisor, reviewed by management, and tracked in department records. Our department reviews the number and frequency of uses of force by all officers, and acts to intervene when appropriate. The department provides data regarding all officer-involved shootings and incidents involving use of force resulting in serious bodily injury to the California Department of Justice (BPD Policy 300.6 and 320.2).



POLICE K-9 USE

The Bakersfield Police Department's K-9 teams are trained in the "bark and hold" method. The training and deployment of our police K-9's are outlined in BPD Policy 310.



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