



METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Roll Call Training: Policy Briefing

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Table with 3 columns: SUBJECT (NECK RESTRAINT TECHNIQUES), REVISED, RESCINDS (RCT: Chokeholds or Similar Neck Restraints, dated June 11, 2020), REFERENCE (TCA 38-8-113 & MNPD Manual 11.10 generally, and 11.10.020(S)), EFFECTIVE DATE (July 17, 2020), DISTRIBUTION (All Personnel)

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this roll call training document is to ensure ongoing compliance and adherence to the policy regarding the prohibition of chokeholds or similar neck restraint techniques by MNPD employees.

In accordance with the current requirements, supervisors shall ensure all employees under their command are aware of this document and that they have received notice of the information and accept responsibility to follow the directive(s) contained herein.

II. KEY POINTS TO COVER DURING ROLL CALL TRAINING

Under existing MNPD Manual provisions, neck restraints are prohibited as a restraining force technique. Additionally, the MNPD training does not include "chokeholds" or similar neck restraining maneuvers in our training curriculum; therefore, by application of TCA 38-8-113, the use of those techniques are also prohibited.

Existing provisions of the MNPD Manual provide that neck restraint techniques are not an authorized restraining force technique:

MNPD Manual, 11.10.020(S) provides (emphasis added):

Restraining Force: Force which is limited to holding and restraining persons, which shall include arm-lock and takedown holds, but shall not include neck restraints.

On June 11, 2020, a RCT was issued titled, Chokeholds or Similar Neck Restraints. Subsequently on June 24, the Community Oversight Board recommended that, although MNPD does not teach nor authorize any neck restraint technique, that MNPD should include vascular restraint techniques and carotid restraints to the definition. That recommendation is accepted. Therefore, in the interest of absolute clarity on the issue of neck restraint technique prohibitions, the following changes are made.

Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to clarify and expand upon the prohibition on neck restraint techniques by MNPD employees

Policy & Definitions

Neck Restraint: any pressure or constriction to the neck, throat or windpipe, arteries or vascular system that may impair breathing or impair circulation; including but not limited to chokeholds, strangleholds, carotid restraints, or lateral vascular restraint.

Neck Restraint Technique

A member of the MNPD shall not use a neck restraint technique on any suspect, arrestee, defendant, or other person.