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To All Law Enforcement Agencies:

In accordance with Public Safety Article § 3-207 (a) (19) and § 3-524, the Police Training and Standards Commission (PTSC) has updated the published best practices and standards for Use of Force policy and training development document. This updated version has been posted on the Maryland Police and Correctional Commissions' (MPCTC) website ([mdle.net](http://mdle.net)) under the Police Training and Standards Commission tab.

Title 3 of the Public Safety Article enumerates a number of requirements that must be adhered to by law enforcement agencies, supervisory and command staff, and police officers. These requirements are identified within the document and it is highly recommended that the remaining statutory mandates also be included in any Use of Force policy.

The primary purpose of this document is to assist agencies with the development of policy and supportive training materials. It is not intended to be used as a direct use guide for individual officers or students. Each law enforcement agency or unit should consult its servicing legal office for specific advice when developing any Use of Force policy and training.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 410-875-3605 or [wayne.silver@maryland.gov](mailto:wayne.silver@maryland.gov).

Respectfully,

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