

615.00 – Reporting Efforts to Control a Person

Refer:

- 605.00 – Use of Force
- 610.00 – Post-Deadly Physical Force and Death-In-Custody
- 620.00 Control Event Report Reviews

Definitions:

- **Deadly Physical Force:** Physical force that under the circumstances in which it is used is readily capable of causing death or serious physical injury. ORS § 161.015 (3)
- **Physical Force:** The exertion of physical strength against another person, which includes, but is not limited to, the application of aerosol agents and other non-lethal devices used against another person. Escort holds and handcuffing, without resistance by the subject, does not constitute a reportable amount of force.
- **Serious Physical Injury:** Physical injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious and protracted disfigurement, protracted impairment of health or protracted loss or impairment of function of any bodily organ. ORS §161.015(8)

Procedure:

1. Whether on or off duty, and in accordance with Agency policy, a member must notify their supervisor and submit a Control Event Report, when:
 - 1.1. Applies physical force against resistance, including passive resistance.
 - 1.2. Strikes a person with any tool, weapon, object, body part or munition,
 - 1.3. Applies an aerosol agent to a person,
 - 1.4. Fires a conducted electrical weapon at a person,
 - 1.5. Uses a conducted electrical weapon in drive stun mode,
 - 1.6. Points a firearm, less lethal munitions launcher, or conducted electrical weapon at a person,
2. A supervisor may order a member to submit an informational report when they are the subject of a complaint of:
 - 2.1. Excessive physical force made during the same shift as the event.
 - 2.2. Injury resulting from official public safety action.
3. **Deadly Physical Force and Deaths-in-Custody:**
 - 3.1. A member who attempts and is unsuccessful or applies deadly physical force, or who had control of, or responsibility for, a person who dies in custody, is not required to document the incident, or circumstances preceding the death in a Control Event Report; these events will be investigated and documented by the Detectives Unit, in accordance with Policy 610.00 – Post-Deadly Physical Force and Death-In-Custody.

3.2. Deadly physical force and in-custody deaths will be investigated and documented by the Detectives Unit.

4. Minimal Force Reporting Directions:

4.1. Unless ordered otherwise by their supervisor, members may file a Minimal/Minor Control Event Report, when they use minimal physical force as listed below:

4.1.1. A member applies minimal physical force including, but not limited to, directional control to a person in an effort to de-escalate.

4.1.2. A member applies force only to hold a person against a surface while waiting for the person to de-escalate, as can occur at the booking desk at a Multnomah County Sheriff's Office facility, or;

4.1.3. A member uses an approved technique to slide an inmate engaged in passive resistance in the Corrections setting. Such an event is not a minimal force event if there is strain placed on joints of the person or if the person is lifted, or;

4.1.4. A member applies force through an escort hold in response to a person struggling momentarily after having previously submitted to the hold if the escort continues without other interruption, or;

4.1.5. A member applies force through a handcuffing hold in response to a person struggling momentarily against handcuffing and then submits to the handcuffing without a further force application.

4.1.6. A member points a firearm, less lethal munitions launcher, or conducted electrical weapon at a person.

4.2. A supervisor who receives notice of an event listed in Section 4.1. above, must ensure that the identities of involved and witness members have been listed, as well as the time and location of the event. In their discretion, supervisors may require a General Control Event Reports narrative.

5. Narrative Content:

5.1. When writing a General Control Event Report narrative, members must document, the following:

5.1.1. What did you perceive (contact made)? The information available to the member.

5.1.2. What did it mean to you? The member's interpretation of that information.

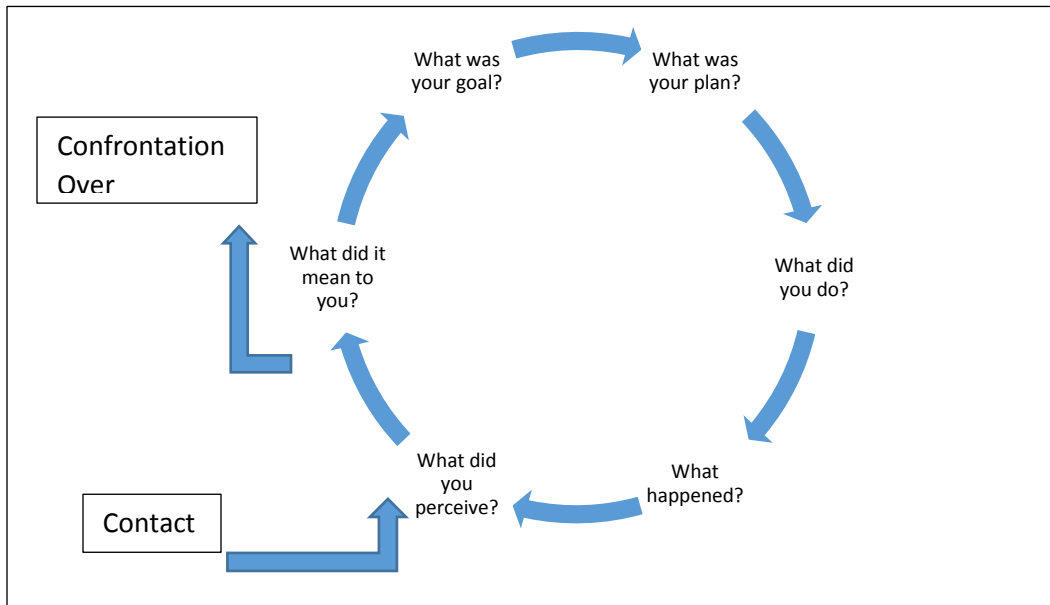
5.1.3. What was your goal? The member's goals in managing the confrontation.

5.1.4. What was your plan? The member's plan for managing the confrontation.

5.1.5. What did you do? The actions taken and force applied by the member to manage the confrontation.

5.1.6. What happened (contact over)? The result of the action taken.

5.1.7. Repeat this process until all details/stages of the confrontation are over.



5.2. Reviewers will consider a General Control Event Report complete when it provides a thorough understanding of the member's decision-making and actions throughout the event.

6. Submission/Extension of Control Event Reports:

6.1. Control Event Reports shall be completed and submitted by the member to their supervisor for review by the end of shift, unless the member acquires an extension from their supervisor.

6.2. A Unit Manager may authorize an extension beyond twenty-four (24) hours based on an assessment, which may include:

- 6.2.1. Significance of the force used;
- 6.2.2. Injuries to members or other persons;
- 6.2.3. Criminal or contemplated criminal proceedings;
- 6.2.4. The totality of the event, or other elements potentially impacting the quality of reports.

6.3. Authorized extensions shall be documented in the report package and acknowledged by the Unit Manager upon their review.

7. Reporting Effort to Control, Witnesses.

7.1. Any member, regardless of assignment, who witnesses an event that requires a Control Event Report, shall document his/her observations in a General Control Event Report, except for uses of minimal physical force addressed in Section 4.1. above.

7.2. Timelines for submission of a witness report are subject to the provisions of Section 6 of this Policy. A witness may forward a report to any supervisor, regardless of the chain of command.

7.3. Upon receipt of the witness report(s), the supervisor shall ensure the Report is included with the Control Event Report package.

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