

Correction to April 15, 2021 Memorandum “Resolution No. 20200611-095 – Redefining ‘Resistance’ and Considering Alternative Tactics and Tools to Prevent the Need for Lethal and Less-Lethal Munitions”

In the April 15, 2021 memo “Resolution No. 20200611-095 – Redefining ‘Resistance’ and Considering Alternative Tactics and Tools to Prevent the Need for Lethal and Less-Lethal Munitions” by the Office of Police Oversight, the tables appearing in Appendix D and Appendix E are incorrect.

Appendix D

In Appendix D, the table covering the San Antonio Police Department’s use-of-force continuum mismatched certain force options to the five categories of officer perceptions.

The incorrect version of the table appeared as follows:

Appendix D: San Antonio Police Department Continuum Graphic ¹⁵⁴

	OFFICER’S PERCEPTION OF SUSPECT’S ACTIONS				
	Compliant (Cooperative)	Passive Resistant	Active Resistant	Imminent Assault (Bodily Injury)	Imminent Serious Bodily Injury/Death
Officer’s presence		X		X	
Verbal Communications				X	
Open/Empty Hands Control		X		X	
Physical Force	X	X	X		
Intermediate Weapon		X		X	
Deadly Force	X	X	X	X	X

The following is the correct table: ¹

OFFICER'S PERCEPTION OF SUSPECT'S ACTIONS					
	Compliant (Cooperative)	Passive Resistant	Active Resistant	Imminent Assault (Bodily Injury)	Imminent Serious Bodily Injury/Death
<i>Officer's Presence</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Verbal Communications</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Open/Empty Hands Control</i>		✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Physical Force</i>			✓	✓	✓
<i>Intermediate Weapon</i>			✓	✓	✓
<i>Deadly Force</i>					✓

Appendix E

In Appendix E, the table covering the San Francisco Police Department's use-of-force continuum is incomplete, missing the fifth row and part of the fourth row.

The incorrect version of the table appeared as follows:

¹ San Antonio Police Department. "Procedure 501.05 Application of Force." San Antonio Police Department General Manual. 18 Sept. 2020.

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Subject's Actions	Description	Possible Force Option
Compliance	Subject offers no resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mere professional appearance • Nonverbal actions • Verbal requests and commands • Handcuffing and control holds
Passive non-compliance	Does not respond to verbal commands but also offers no physical form of resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer's strength to take physical control, including lifting/carrying • Pain compliance control holds, takedowns and techniques to direct movement or immobilize
Active resistance	Physically evasive movements to defeat an officer's attempt at control, including bracing, tensing, running away, verbally, or physically signaling an intention to avoid or prevent being taken into or retained in custody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of personal body weapons to gain advantage over the subject • Pain compliance control holds, takedowns and techniques to direct movement or immobilize a subject
Assaultive	Aggressive or combative; attempting to assault the officer or another person, verbally or physically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of devices and/or techniques to ultimately gain control of the situation

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Assaultive	Aggressive or combative; attempting to assault the officer or another person, verbally or physically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of devices and/or techniques to ultimately gain control of the situation

Subject's Actions	Description	Possible Force Option
	displays an intention to assault the officer or another person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of personal body weapons to gain advantage over the subject
Life-threatening	Any action likely to result in serious bodily injury or death of the officer or another person	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing firearms or any other available weapon or action in defense of self and others to stop the threat • Vehicle intervention (Deflection)

² San Francisco Police Department. "General Order 5.01 Use of Force." San Francisco Police Department General Orders. 21 Dec. 2016. <https://www.sanfranciscopolice.org/sites/default/files/2018-11/DGO5.01%20Use%20of%20Force.pdf>. Accessed 31 Oct. 2022. This table appears across two pages (pages 14-15) of the manual.

The affected tables have also been corrected in the full version of the memo. The corrected memo is available [here](#).