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INTRODUCTION

USE OF FORCE TO CONTROL PASSIVE RESISTERS

The Department is sometimes called upon to intervene during illegal, but peaceful demonstrations. This would include the arrest of passive resisters at illegal demonstrations. A passive resister is a person who lies down or goes limp when placed under arrest.

Officers shall not lift or carry passive resisters. However, officers shall apply Department authorized arrest and control methods to take passive resisters into custody. These methods of control only involve that degree of influence that must be exerted in order to take a person safely into custody. The methods may include the application of physical pressure on a body limb in order to lead a violator in a specific direction. Compliance with the method will reduce the pressure, while resistance will increase the pressure.

No person shall be subjected to any of these control methods if they do not resist arrest, either actively or passively. None of the approved methods are designed to inflict traumatic injury. However, if the arrested person exerts intentional resistance to the methods of control an injury could result.

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ARREST TECHNIQUES: For Passive and Low-Profile Resisters Goals

To give each officer a working knowledge of techniques in arresting a passive, resisting law violator and to prevent injury to both the violator and the officer.

Objectives

1. To maintain a greater degree of control and advantage over a person.
2. To develop tactics that are feasible for officers of all status.
3. To be able to subdue violators in standing, sitting, or lying down positions.
4. To be able to arrest violators tied or linked together.

Methods

A. Standing

A law violator who fails to comply while in a standing position may be controlled by the following means:

1. Chinlock to rear wristlock.
 - a. Hand is placed on chin, fingers around chin, head straight back. Middle finger and ring finger used to clamp lower jaw and apply pressure.
 - b. Hand is taken into rear wristlock, let jaw go.
2. Crossface takedown to prone control.
 - a. Take head back in a circle until balance is broken. Bend knees, hand over eyes on forehead, also grasp arm.
 - b. Pull head back onto your shoulder. Step back, bend your knees. Bring suspect down, apply wristlock to twistlock for handcuffing.
3. Hair pull takedown to prone control.
 - a. Instead of face, use hair (same as A-2).
4. Twistlock.
 - a. Take slack out of wrist and tighten tendon. Hand on lower portion twists fingers to compliance.

B. Sitting Resister

If the person is sitting, the following methods may be used:

1. Refer to A-1 only on kneeling position or use A-3.

C. Lying Down

If the person is lying down, the following methods may be used:

1. Roll subject over, put on wristlock or bring to a standing position using a twistlock.

D. Tied or linked together

If persons to be arrested are tied or linked together, the following methods may be used.

1. If the subjects are sitting, pull them to their backs. Hold first subject with knees, use knuckle on sternum.
2. Second officer applies twistlock and takes first subject.
3. First officer moves to second subject and process is repeated;
-or-
4. Apply light pressure to larynx to distract;
-or-
5. Use other distraction on neck nerve and apply twistlock.

Tactics

A. Multiple Violators.

1. Use 3-officer arrest teams (2 officers under the command of sergeant or team leader).
2. Use as many 3-officer teams as necessary.
3. Read prepared admonishment to each violator before arrest.
4. Arrest the leader first.

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ADMONISHMENT BY TEAM LEADER OR OFFICER IN CHARGE

"I am _____ (name) _____, of the Sacramento Police Department. I am informing you that you are under arrest for _____ (violation) _____.

You will please accompany these police officers who will process your arrest.

If you do not voluntarily accompany them and you remain in a passive position you may be subject to an additional arrest charge. We will not lift or carry you. If your passive resistance continues you will be subjected to a control hold that will inflict a degree of pain. I repeat, we will not lift or carry you. You are under arrest and you are being asked to cooperate and accompany these police officers."