

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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This Operations Directive is for internal use only and does not enhance an officer's civil or criminal liability in any way. It should not be construed as a creation of a higher standard of safety or care in an evidentiary sense, with respect to third party claims. Violations of this Operations Directive, if proven, may only form the basis for a complaint by this Department, and only in a non-judicial administrative setting.

SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the reporting of responses to resistance or aggression.

SECTION 2 POLICY

It the policy of the Department that all responses to resistance or aggression will be documented on the Department's Response to Resistance or Aggression form, and the Response to Resistance or Aggression form will be sent to the Chief of Police via the chain of command. Each supervisor in the chain of command will review the response to resistance or aggression incident.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

- A. Officers shall immediately report the response to resistance or aggression verbally to their on-duty supervisor and complete a Response to Resistance or Aggression form. Command presence, verbalization, and/or soft hands control as described in Directive 6.01.1 do not require the completion of a Response to Resistance or Aggression form.
- B. A Response to Resistance or Aggression form will be used to report all responses to resistance or aggression above command presence, verbalization, and/or soft hands control as described in Directive 6.01.1. A Response to Resistance or Aggression form will be used to report any response which results in bodily injury to the suspect. A separate form shall be completed for each suspect upon whom this type of response is used. If more than one less-lethal control device is used on a suspect, information for each such device shall be reported on the same form.
- C. Any videos of the response to resistance or aggression used will be reviewed by the officer's supervisor and will be tagged in the video system under either the Complaint, Use of Force or Other Emergency Response category or the Arrest or Prisoner Transport category. A supervisor will take photos of any injury that the suspect or officer sustains. These photos will be submitted with all related reports.
- D. After completion, the involved officer's immediate supervisor will review, sign, and date the form. The report will be reviewed and a recommendation made by the shift commander, division commander, and the Chief of Police.

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- E. If an officer is the victim of an assault or receives an injury while arresting a person for resisting arrest, he shall immediately notify his supervisor. An Offense Report shall be prepared. Photographs shall be taken of injuries sustained by the officer and/or the defendant, and the photographs will become evidence in the case. A copy of the Offense Report will be forwarded to the Chief of Police.
- F. The Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) shall retain the Response to Resistance or Aggression forms and any Risk Management forms documenting an employee injury in the appropriate database to facilitate the early warning system and periodic response to resistance or aggression incident review.
- G. RESPONSIBILITY
 - 1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
 - 2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.