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FOREWORD

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The content of each workbook is organized into sequenced learning modules to meet requirements as prescribed both by California law and the POST Training and Testing Specifications for the Basic Course.

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Student Workbooks

The student workbooks are part of the POST Basic Course Instructional System. This system is designed to provide students with a self-study document to be used in preparation for classroom training.

Regular Basic Course Training Requirement

Completion of the Regular Basic Course is required, prior to exercising peace officer powers, as recognized in the California Penal Code and where the POST-required standard is the POST Regular Basic Course.

Student Workbook Elements

The following elements are included in each workbook:

- Chapter contents, including a synopsis of key points,
- Supplementary material, and
- A glossary of terms used in this workbook.

HOW TO USE THE WORKBOOK

Introduction

This workbook provides an introduction to the training requirements for this Learning Domain. It is intended to be used in several ways: for initial learning, for test preparation, and for remedial training.

Workbook Format

To use the workbook most effectively, follow the steps listed below.

Step	Action
1	Begin by reading the: Introduction and How to Use the Workbook, which provides an overview of how the workbook fits into the POST Basic Course Instructional System and how it should be used.
2	Refer to the Chapter Synopsis section at the end of each chapter to review the key points that support the chapter objectives.
3	Read the text.
4	Complete the Workbook Learning Activities at the end of each chapter. These activities reinforce the material taught in the chapter.
5	Refer to the Glossary section for a definition of important terms. When first referenced these terms will be bolded and underlined (e.g., <u>term</u>).

Chapter 1

Principles of Arrest and Control

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

For their own safety and the safety of others, peace officers must maintain awareness and respond appropriately when confronted by a potential hazard or threat.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate principles of arrest and control to include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Awareness- Balance- Control	33.01.1 33.01.2 33.01.3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe the areas of the body which require maximum protection during an attack.	33.01.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Describe parts of an officer's body that may be used as personal weapons during an arrest/detention to control a combative and/or resistive subject.	33.01.5

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on other background information pertaining to patrol strategies. Refer to the chart below for specific topics.

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PRINCIPLES OF ARREST AND CONTROL

Introduction

Arrest and control is a skill set that allows a peace officer to use reasonable force to establish and maintain control of a subject.

Justification For Use of Force

Penal Code 835a(b) states: Any peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed a public offense may use objectively reasonable force to effect the arrest, to prevent escape or to overcome resistance.

Penal Code 835a(d) states: A peace officer who makes or attempts to make an arrest need not retreat or desist from their efforts by reason of the resistance or threatened resistance of the person being arrested. A peace officer shall not be deemed an aggressor or lose the right to self-defense by use of objectively reasonable force in compliance with subdivision (b) and (c) to effect the arrest or to prevent escape or to overcome resistance. For this subdivision, “retreat” does not mean tactical repositioning or other de-escalation tactics.

The Role of a Peace Officer

Essential job functions of a peace officer are to defend the public and to safely take a subject into custody by using objectively reasonable force. A peace officer’s actions must be legally justified based on reasonable suspicion and/or probable cause.

Leadership

A peace officer trained to the highest level of proficiency and comprehension of the law and the knowledge and skillful application of arrest methods is less likely to panic and misuse force than a peace officer who is not effectively trained. A thoughtful, well-trained peace officer is able to make good leadership decisions, intervene effectively, prevent potential conflict, and convey confidence during arrest situations.

Emotional As Well As Physical

Emotions can arise from many different factors and can affect both the arresting peace officers and subjects. If peace officers allow emotions to affect their judgment, they may lose control; the same is true of subjects. Therefore, it is essential that the peace officer control those emotions.

The following chart lists examples of the responses peace officers and subjects may experience during an arrest process:

Officers	Subjects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anger• Fear• Prejudices• Peer pressure• Personal problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anger• Fear• Embarrassment• Loss of freedom• Prejudices• Peer pressure• Personal problems• Mental illness

The Mind and Body As One

To be effective in an arrest or a control situation, a peace officer must learn to develop the mind and body and train them to function as one. This interaction must become routine.

The mind and body are one.

Distractions can separate the mind from the body. When peace officers become distracted, they become vulnerable as do subjects. Distractions may be a valuable part of the arrest/detention process.

Community Policing

Community members want their officers to possess the skills necessary to subdue violent and dangerous subjects. They also want peace officers to use these skills to apply only the amount of force that is reasonable to affect an arrest, to overcome resistance, or to prevent escape. Force should never be used to punish subjects. In the American criminal justice system, punishment in the form of judgments is the sole responsibility of the courts.

Introduction

Awareness, as it relates to arrest and control, means being alert to any potential threats a peace officer may face when approaching or interacting with a subject or a potentially dangerous situation.

Foundations Of Arrest and Control

There are three basic principles that make up the foundation of arrest and control. All other skills or techniques will be reduced or neutralized if an officer does not practice control in a stressful situation.

- Awareness
- Balance
- Control

NOTE: Awareness and control of the subject's hands continues to be universal safety points.

Cover and Concealment

Peace officers must be aware of surrounding objects or areas that may be used as protection and concealment for the subject as well as themselves. Cover offers protection, while concealment only offers a place to hide.

Be aware of the location of cover. Use, be ready to use, and/or move to cover when necessary. The use of available cover continues to be a basic tactical consideration.

Cover and Concealment (Continued)

The following chart gives examples that illustrate the difference between cover and concealment:

Cover	Concealment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trees• Walls – such as cement block or brick• Buildings, dumpsters• Vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shrubs, and bushes• Doorways• Vehicles

Potential Hazards

Peace officers are vulnerable to potential harm when approaching a subject. However, if they are aware of specific hazards that could endanger them, they can minimize potential harm. The following chart suggests a few potential hazards peace officers should consider when approaching a subject:

	Potential Hazards	Avoiding Harm
Proper distance	Peace officers should maintain a proper distance between themselves and the subject in order to have a reactionary gap.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of the subject from head to foot and everything in between• Be aware of any body movement which may indicate any offensive or dangerous movement
Subject's Hands	Typically, it is the subject's hands (or what may be in them) that cause harm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of the location of the subject's hands and potential contents

Potential Hazards (Continued)

	Potential Hazards	Avoiding Harm
Weapons and Potential Weapons	Weapons can cause serious harm or death to peace officers or others in the immediate area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of any object that could be used as a weapon, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Guns- Pens/pencils- Bottles- Tools- Knives- Kitchen implements• Visually check the subject for areas that may conceal a weapon.
Friends or Associates of the Subject	Friends or associates in the immediate area could threaten peace officers' safety and help the subject escape.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of anyone who could come to the subject's aid, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Relatives- Animals- Bystanders

Potential Hazards (Continued)

	Potential Hazards	Avoiding Harm
Potential Escape Routes	A subject may know the area better than the peace officer; the subject may lead the officer into a trap.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of potential escape routes for subject and peace officers, including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Doorways- Dark rooms- Dark yards- Trees- Alley ways- Vehicles
Footing and Environment	Because of the terrain, poor footing or conditions may limit the peace officer's alternatives for responding to a threat.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be aware of the surrounding conditions and obstacles including but not limited to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Distance- Uneven terrain- Shrubs and bushes- Gravel and sandy areas- Weather conditions (e.g. Rain, ice, snow)- Water hazards- Furniture, curbs, steps- Footing (e.g. Loose gravel, slick floors)- Lighting

Introduction

Balance, as it relates to arrest and control, is the position that allows the peace officer to move in any direction with strength and coordination to maintain an advantage.

Balanced Stance

A balanced stance is an essential component of any subject contact.

To safely maintain a balanced stance:

- Keep the gun side away from the subject
- Keep weight evenly distributed over the balls of the feet
- Bend the knees slightly – do not lock them
- Keep feet approximately shoulder width apart
- Keep the body relaxed
- Stay alert

Introduction

Control, as it relates to arrest and control, not only means verbally or physically gaining and maintaining control of a subject. It also means maintaining control of one's emotions.

General Control

General control is the degree of **influence** that peace officers must exert over subjects in order to take them into custody. The subject may still have options for movement while under the general control of a peace officer.

Physical Control

Physical control is the application of specific control holds or other techniques applied by a peace officer which allows the subject to move only in the direction and manner the peace officer chooses.

Self-Control

Self-control is maintaining composure and the ability to make sound judgments and decisions. Self-control is **gained through confidence**. Confidence is achieved from proper, adequate, and ongoing training to understand basic principles of arrest and control. Control is *enhanced through practice*.

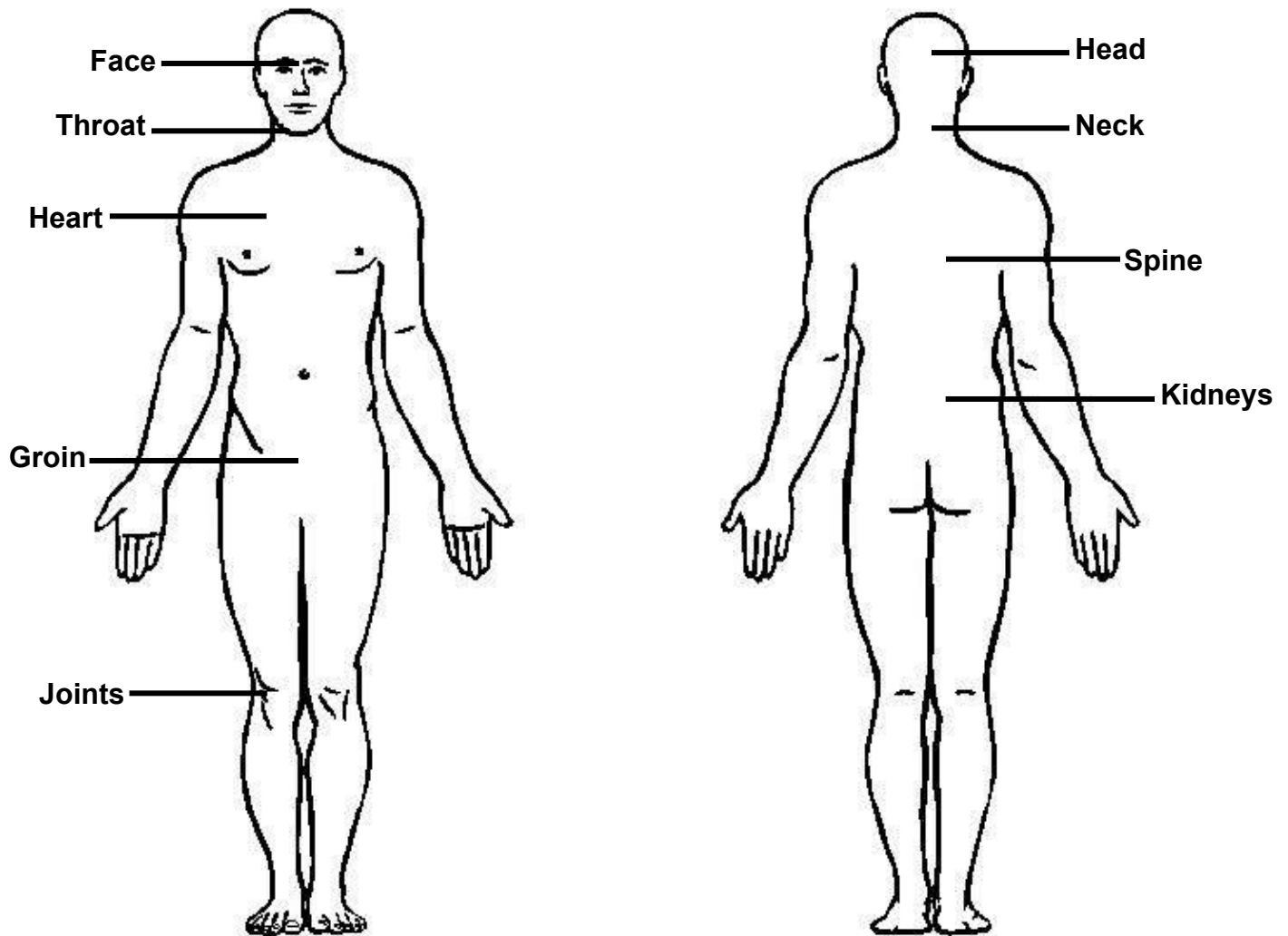
To practice without understanding the principles of arrest and control, is just as impractical as having principles without the practice. They are both part of the whole. Both are equally necessary to control the subject and the situation.

It is essential to manage emotions such as anger and fear to reasonably control the situation.

AREAS OF THE BODY WHICH REQUIRE MAXIMUM PROTECTION

Introduction

During a confrontation, peace officers need to be aware of those areas of the body which require maximum protection during an attack.



BODY PARTS AS PERSONAL WEAPONS

Introduction

Some body parts may be used as personal weapons against peace officers by a combative subject. Peace officers may also use personal weapons to strike available targets during an arrest/detention to control a combative and/or resistive subject, especially during **ground control** encounters.

Personal Weapons

Peace officers need to learn exactly how to use personal weapons to their advantage and safety.



Personal Weapons (Continued)

The following chart lists the body parts that can be used as personal weapons.

Body Part	Use
Head	Both the front and back of the head might be used for butting
Hands	Parts of the hands used for striking include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fist – knuckle area of clenched hand used for punching• Hammer fist – lower edge of joined fist used for pounding blows• Blade edge – edge of the hand/little finger used for chopping blows• Fingers – tips of extended hand used for poking• Heel of hand – lower palm area of the hand for palm heel strikes
Arms	Parts of the arm include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elbow – used to strike• Forearm – used for sharp, quick blows
Legs	Parts of the leg include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knee - used to strike• Shin – used to kick
Feet	Parts of the feet include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instep – raking• Heel – kicking or stomping (when applied to the arch, can generate serious incapacitating pain)• Ball of foot – kicking or stomping• Edge of foot – kicking or stomping• Toe – kicking

Learning Need

For their own safety and the safety of others, peace officers must maintain awareness and respond appropriately when confronted by a potential hazard or threat.

Principles Of Arrest and Control – Awareness [33.01.1]

Awareness, as it relates to arrest and control, means being alert to any potential hazard a peace officer may face when approaching or interacting with a subject or a potentially dangerous situation.

Principles Of Arrest and Control – Balance [33.01.2]

Balance, as it relates to arrest and control, is the position that allows the peace officer to move in any direction with strength and coordination to maintain an advantage.

Principles Of Arrest and Control – Control [33.01.3]

General control is the degree of influence that peace officers must exert over subjects in order to take them into custody. The subject may still have options for movement while under the general control of a peace officer.

Areas Of the Body Which Require Maximum Protection [33.01.4]

During a confrontation with a hostile subject, peace officers need to be aware of those areas of the body which require maximum protection during an attack.

Personal Weapons [33.01.5]

Some body parts may be used as personal weapons against peace officers by a combative subject. Peace officers may also use personal weapons to strike available targets during an arrest/detention to control a combative and/or resistive subject, especially during ground control encounters.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Explain three ways the hands can be used as personal weapons.
2. Draw two outlines of a human body and label one "front" and one "back." Using these outlines, indicate the location of body parts that are most vulnerable to physical attack.

Activity Questions (Continued)

3. A peace officer witnesses a purse snatching and pursues the subject on foot. After running approximately two blocks down a busy sidewalk, the subject heeds the peace officer's command to stop. The subject halts and turns to face the peace officer, panting, possibly due to wearing bulky clothing. The peace officer begins to approach the subject. What indications will help the peace officer establish a proper distance for a position of interview? Describe some of the key potential hazards of which the peace officer should be aware?

4. How does awareness relate to arrest and control? What should a peace officer be aware of on a routine traffic stop? How would this change, if at all, if the peace officer was apprehending a known drug dealer in the dealer's own neighborhood?

Chapter 2

Person Searches

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

Conducting a person search can be dangerous for peace officers. A peace officer's actions and reactions in these situations should always allow for a margin of safety while maintaining a position of advantage.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain factors to consider when approaching a subject and conducting a plain view search	33.02.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate an approach to safely and effectively conduct a person search	33.02.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss locations where weapons and/or contraband can be concealed on a subject's body	33.02.3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain agency considerations and restrictions that may be common regarding a search of a person of the opposite sex	33.02.4
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain cover officer responsibilities	33.02.5
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss cover officer responsibilities during a search of a subject	33.02.6

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on person searches. Refer to the following chart for specific topics.

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INTRODUCTION TO PERSON SEARCHES

Introduction

Person search techniques are designed to provide peace officers with a margin of safety while giving them an advantage over the subject. Person searches usually are done as part of a detention or arrest procedure.

Plain View

Technically, plain view (visual) searches are not searches in the legal sense of the term. They do not require **reasonable suspicion** or **probable cause**. A visual search is part of an officer's general awareness, one of the basic principles of arrest and control.

As peace officers approach a subject, they should be minimally aware of:

- The subject's clothing
- The location of the subject's hands
- The proximity of the subject's obvious or potential weapons
- Any additional subjects

Cursory/Frisk Search

A **cursory/frisk search** of a legally detained person is to ensure the safety of the peace officer. A frisk affords the peace officers the least amount of control when compared to other types of person searches.

To lawfully conduct a cursory/frisk search, peace officers must have:

- Lawfully detained the subject
- Have articulable facts which support a reasonable suspicion that the subject may be armed or dangerous

The scope of a cursory/frisk is limited to searching:

- For *weapons only*
- The subject's outer clothing

During the search, once the searching peace officer realizes or decides an item is not a weapon, the peace officer must stop focusing on the particular item or location and move on with the search.

Consent Search

A **consent search** is conducted by peace officers with the *expressed or implied consent* of the person to be searched. By consenting, the subject has temporarily relinquished any expectation of privacy for the area to be searched.

There are two conditions that are required for a peace officer to conduct a consent search.

- The peace officer must have the clear, voluntary, and unequivocal consent of the person to be searched.
 - *Expressed consent* is given orally or in writing.
 - *Implied consent* may be manifested by signs, actions, or gestures.
- The person to be searched must have the actual or apparent authority to consent to the search.

The scope of a consent search is limited to those areas specifically consented to by the subject (e.g. pockets, handbags, etc.).

Searches Incident to Arrest

A **search incident to an arrest** is a search that takes place at or near the time of a lawful arrest. This type and degree of search permits peace officers to search for and seize weapons or crime-related evidence which the subject might otherwise use or destroy.

The requirements of a lawful person search incident to an arrest include the following:

- The search must be pursuant to a custodial arrest
- The arrest must be lawful
- The search must be a part of the arrest procedure

The scope of a search incident to arrest includes any area within the arrestee's immediate control. This may include:

- Full searches of an arrestee's person
- Containers on the arrestee's person, regardless of the kind of crime the person is being arrested for
- The nearby physical area from which the arrestee could grab a weapon, or conceal evidence

Choice of Search Technique and Level of Control

To maximize peace officer safety during any type of person search, peace officers must select a search technique and level of control suitable to the situation and conditions. The following chart notes some of the factors peace officers should consider.

Factor	Officer Considerations
Reason for Detention or Type of Offense	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Search for weapons only, with no initial intent to arrest• Misdemeanor cite and release• Nonviolent offense or a serious, violent, or armed offense
Number of Subject(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Single subject• Multiple subjects, peace officers may select a search technique that would give them a higher level of control during the search (i.e. handcuffing)
The Subject's Appearance and Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bulges showing from under a subject's clothing• Location of the subject's hands• Subject's level of cooperation• Subject's attempt to hide an unknown object• Mannerisms that are overly nervous or aggressive• Suspicion of drug or alcohol use

Choice of Search Technique and Level of Control (Continued)

Factor	Officer Considerations
Conditions at Time of the Contact or Arrest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Weather (visibility)• Terrain and other physical characteristics of the area• Possible escape routes• Areas of possible cover or concealment• Potential involvement of friends and associates• Time of day - light of day or dark of night (visibility)• Location - isolated or high traffic• Number of peace officers available
Prior Knowledge of the Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Existing criminal record• Prior knowledge of the subject possessing weapons• History of violent behavior
Physical/Emotional Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peace officer's size, physical ability, training and experience• Subject's size and indications of physical ability• Emotional state of the subject• Realistic assessment of degree of control reasonable to take the subject safely into custody

ELEMENTS OF AN EFFECTIVE PERSON SEARCH

Introduction

Conducting a person search properly, efficiently, and safely is one of the most important steps in a detention or arrest procedure. There are a number of techniques peace officers can choose with varying levels of control to use on a subject. No matter what technique is used, though, there are issues and principles common to all.

Principles of Arrest and Control

Every search carries an element of danger to the peace officer, as well as the potential for an escape by the subject. A peace officer's ability to apply the three principles of arrest and control are critical.

Factor	Officer Considerations
Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remain constantly alert• Be aware of the surrounding environment• Be conscious of the subject's actions, no matter how slight• Maintain communication with the cover officer
Balance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be in a balanced position of advantage while keeping the subject off balance and in a position of disadvantage
Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have control of the subject (search with one hand; control the subject with the other)• Maintain control of their own weapons by keeping them out of the subject's reach• Have control of all weapons

Systematic Approach for All Person Searches

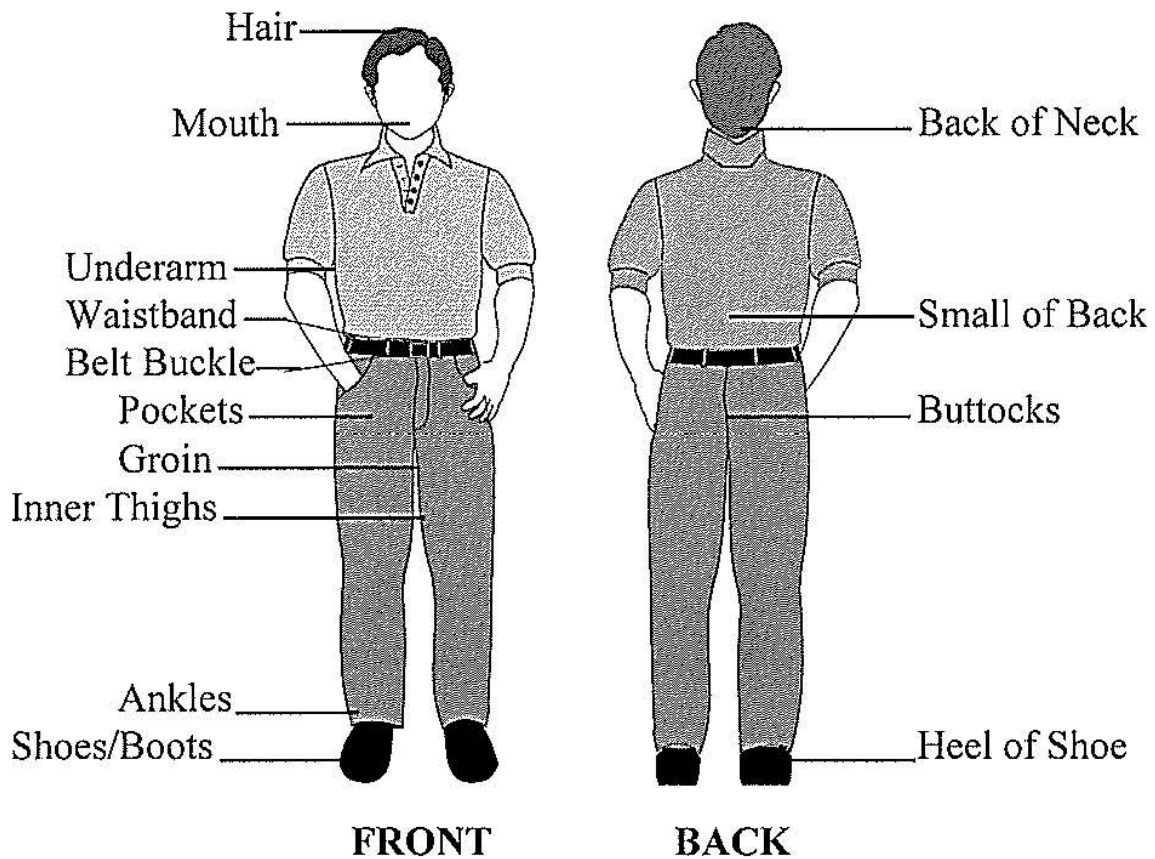
A peace officer's first goal when conducting a person search is to maximize their own personal safety. By following a systematic approach and process while conducting a person search, peace officers are less likely to overlook a potentially dangerous weapon.

A systematic search should include the most likely areas where a weapon might be hidden. This includes but is not limited to the subject's:

- Front waistband
- Upper body (including the chest, front pockets, armpits, sleeves, and sides)
- Back (including the rear waistband and buttocks) area
- Lower body (including the legs and ankles)

Potential Locations for Weapons and/or Contraband May Be Concealed

There are a number of locations on a person where a weapon and/or contraband may be concealed.



Potential Locations for Weapons and/or Contraband May Be Concealed (Cont.)

The following chart lists some, but not all, of the possible sites that may be checked during a systematic person search. Potential weapons or other items that might be found in these locations are also shown:

Upper Body	Torso	Lower Body
Hat or Scarf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Gun Razors Drugs 	Waistband <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guns Knives Front pockets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Contraband Guns Ammunition Razors and blades 	Inner/Outer thighs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guns (holster) Knives (sheaths) Contraband
Hair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairpins Knives 	Small of back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guns Knives Stun guns Ammunition 	Inner/Outer Ankles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Razor blades Guns
Mouth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drugs Contraband 	Belt buckle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Daggers Guns 	Shoes or Boots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Guns
Underarms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guns Knives Razors Nunchaku Throwing stars 	Groin and buttocks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contraband 	Heel of shoe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contraband

Potential Locations for Weapons and/or Contraband May Be Concealed (Cont.)

Upper Body	Torso	Lower Body
Back of neck (between shoulder blades) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Throwing instruments 	Wallet or purse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guns Knives Razors 	Back of neck (between shoulder blades) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Throwing instruments
Bras <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knives Guns Contraband 	Jewelry (designed for weapon use) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necklaces or bracelets Rings 	

Locating A Weapon During a Person Search

If a weapon is located on a subject, peace officers must assume the subject is prepared to use it and the subject should be considered dangerous.

The following chart describes steps a peace officer may take if a weapon has been located during a person search:

Possible actions	Including:
Immediately Inform the Cover Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying the type of weapon found (e.g., knife, handgun, etc.) Identifying the location of the weapon (e.g. waistband, right jacket pocket, etc.)
Maintain Control of the Subject	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the weapon is <i>accessible</i>, confiscating the weapon If the weapon is <i>inaccessible</i>, escalating to a higher-risk search technique and greater level of control before confiscating the weapon
Continue the Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue searching for additional weapons <p>**Never assume a subject carries only one weapon.</p>

NOTE: Individual agency policies may vary regarding actions to be taken by the searching and cover officer if a weapon is located on a subject.

Searching Individuals of The Opposite Sex

Normally, the decision to search a member of the opposite sex should be based on the same criteria as a search of a person of the same sex. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Nature of the crime (Was it a crime involving force or threat of force?)
- Presence of a weapon (Is there an indication that a weapon was used to commit the crime?)
- Appearance of the subject (Could the subject's clothing reasonably conceal a weapon?)
- Known facts about the subject (Is the subject known to carry a weapon?)

Agency Policy Regarding Searching Individuals of The Opposite Sex

Agencies vary in policy regarding searching individuals of the opposite sex. These policies exist to protect peace officers from potential litigation regarding their conduct. Peace officers should be aware of and follow their agency's procedures.

Procedures common in all agency policies may include, but are not limited to:

- Maintaining officer safety
- The availability and use of peace officers of the same sex
- Acceptable search techniques
- How to avoid false claims of misconduct or sexual assault

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SEARCHING AND COVER OFFICERS

Working As A Team

Ideally, there will be two peace officers available when conducting a person search. Even so, both peace officers do not actively take part in the searching. The specific responsibilities of the cover officer complement those of the searching officer.

Officer Responsibilities

The searching officer is responsible for controlling the subject and conducting the actual search. The primary responsibility of the cover officer is to ensure the safety of both. The responsibilities listed in the chart below are common to all search techniques.

Responsibilities of the Searching Officer	Responsibilities of the Cover Officer
Be constantly alert	
Maintain a position of advantage	
Safeguard their weapons	
Conduct the search systematically.	Maintain constant observation of the overall situation; be aware of possible dangers and potential interference.
Make sure the search is thorough.	Exhibit command presence or professional demeanor toward subject being searched.
Search from the rear and never from the front.	Protect the searching officer from possible interference by onlookers or associates of the subject.

Officer Responsibilities (Continued)

Responsibilities of the Searching Officer	Responsibilities of the Cover Officer
Maintain control of the subject; search with one hand and control with the other.	Assist in restraining the subject if necessary.
Alert cover officer if a weapon or contraband is located on the subject.	Assist the searching officer by taking possession of any found weapons or contraband, if necessary and allow the searching officer to continue the search.

Multiple Suspects

When there is more than one subject, the cover officer's role is to protect the searching officer by watching the other subjects during the search process.

Learning Need

Conducting a person search can be dangerous for peace officers. A peace officer's actions and reactions in these situations should always allow for a margin of safety while maintaining a position of advantage.

Approaching A Subject and Conducting A Plain View Search [33.02.1]

As peace officers approach a subject, they should be aware of, at a minimum, the:

- Subject's clothing
- Location of the subject's hands
- Proximity of the subject's obvious or potential weapons

Systematic Approach for Conducting An Effective Person Search [33.02.2]

A systematic search should include the most likely areas where a weapon might be hidden. This includes, but is not limited to, the subject's:

- Front waistband
- Upper body (including the chest, front pockets, armpits, sleeves, and sides)
- Back (including the rear waistband and buttocks area)
- Lower body (including the legs and ankles)

Locations On Subject's Body For Concealing Weapons and/or Contraband [33.02.3]

There are a number of locations on a subject's person where a weapon and/or contraband may be concealed. These areas include, but are not limited to:

- Hair
- Pockets
- Mouth
- Ankles
- Neck
- Shoes or boots
- Underarms
- Back of neck
- Waistband
- Small of back
- Belt buckle
- Between buttocks
- Hand
- Inner thighs
- Groin
- Heel of shoe

Agency Considerations and Restrictions for Person Searches of the Opposite Sex [33.02.4]

Agencies vary in their policy toward searching individuals of the opposite sex. These policies exist to protect peace officers from potential litigations regarding their conduct. **Peace officers should be aware of and follow their agency's procedures.**

Cover Officer's Responsibilities [33.02.5]

The primary responsibility of the cover officer is to ensure the safety of both himself and the contact officer he is covering.

Cover Officer's Responsibilities During a Person Search [33.02.6]

The searching officer is responsible for controlling the subject and conducting the actual search. The primary responsibility of the cover officer is to ensure the safety of the subject and the peace officer conducting the search.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Two peace officers on patrol about 2:00 a.m. stop a person of the opposite sex after the driver runs a red light. As peace officers approach, the driver exits the car and appears intoxicated, though there is no apparent smell of alcohol. The driver proceeds to fail a roadside sobriety test. Upon being informed of being under arrest, the driver becomes verbally belligerent. What factors do you feel should influence the peace officers' selection of search technique? Is a person search appropriate in this instance? Why or why not? Since no person of the same sex is available, any person search prior to transporting the driver will have to be performed by a peace officer of the opposite sex. If you were in this position, what difficulties might this present for you and what precautions should you take?

Activity Questions (Continued)

2. Peace officers arrive on the scene of a street fight. One subject is armed with a small pocketknife. As peace officers separate the subjects, the peace officers do not see a knife. In performing a person search of a subject dressed in a T-shirt, jacket, and jeans, how should the peace officers proceed for their own protection? Where might the knife be concealed on the subject? What determines if the person search of the other subject should differ in any manner? Explain.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Introduction

There are a variety of acceptable techniques for conducting person searches. The instructor will be discussing and demonstrating these techniques during class. Students will have the opportunity to practice each technique and develop their own level of skill.

Evaluation Criteria

As part of the classroom activities, students will be evaluated by their instructor on their ability to perform a person search under different conditions.

Person Searches

Exercise tests will be used to test the student's ability to safely and effectively conduct the following types of searches.

- Visual
- Cursory/pat/frisk
- Full-body incident to arrest
- High risk

The testing criteria minimally includes:

- Safety
- Applying controlling force (full-body incident to arrest and high-risk searches)
- Maintaining proper balance and control
- Maintaining awareness of environment and subject(s) actions
- Searching thoroughly and systematically
- Securing and controlling contraband and weapons, if found
- Verbal commands/instructions (e.g., communication with cover officer as needed)

Cover Officer Role

Participate in an Instructional Activity that will demonstrate the student's ability to perform the role of a cover officer during a field contact, to include:

- Assuming a position of advantage and control
- Maintaining proper balance and control
- Maintaining awareness of environment and subject(s) actions
- Protecting the searching officer from possible interference
- Physical assistance of the searching officer if it becomes necessary
- Observation of subject(s)
- Awareness of cover and concealment

Criteria Definitions

Refer to Supplementary Material (S-1) for definitions that provide a general description of the student behavior that instructors look for when evaluating student test performance on the Arrest Methods/Impact Weapon performance objectives.

Chapter 3

Control Holds and Takedown Techniques

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

Peace officers must be ready and physically capable of taking control of a subject and to justify their actions if the subject refuses to follow verbal commands, physically resists, or attempts to attack the peace officer during a detention or arrest situation.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss a peace officer's justification to use control holds and takedown techniques on a subject	33.03.1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain advantages and limitations a peace officer should consider when applying a control hold	33.03.2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain advantages and limitations a peace officer should consider when performing a takedown technique	33.03.3

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on control holds and takedown. Refer to the following chart for specific topics.

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USE OF CONTROL HOLDS AND TAKEDOWNS

Introduction

The primary objective of the application of control holds and takedowns is to gain control of a subject. Peace officers must be prepared to use physical force to overcome resistance and gain control of a subject.

Spectrum Of Force Options

Basic use of force philosophy defines the degree or amount of force which may be objectively reasonable to overcome resistance. Once control is obtained, the degree of force used should be reevaluated.

Ethics

It is illegal and immoral for peace officers to use their authority and position to punish anyone. When peace officers become law breakers by engaging in acts of “street justice” they lose public trust and support. Also, the peace officers subject themselves and their agency to substantial liability.

Officer Vulnerability

When using control holds and takedowns, peace officers must be constantly aware that they are close to the subject and therefore vulnerable to attack.

Objectively Reasonable Force

The primary goal of using force is to gain control of a subject. Peace officer considerations for using objectively reasonable force include, but are not limited to, the:

- Immediate threat to the safety of peace officers or others
- Active resistance or attempt to flee
- Severity of the crime at issue
- Tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving circumstances
- Subject's display of aggressive or assaultive behavior
- Physical size of the subject (compared to the peace officer)
- Need for immediate control of the subject due to tactical considerations
- Peace officer's perception of the subject's knowledge of the martial arts or other skills
- Inability to control a subject by other means

Application Of Force

If the subject resists or does not respond to the control hold, the peace officer may apply additional force or other force options, which cause the subject to comply. Once control is achieved, the force applied should be reevaluated.

NOTE: Subjects under the influence of drugs or alcohol may not comply immediately to physical force.

Definition

A **control hold** is a method for physically controlling a subject by manually applying pressure to a particular part of the body until the peace officer has control over the subject. A joint lock is a specific class of a control hold where the technique involves manipulation of a subject's joints in such a way that they reach their maximal degree of motion.

Primary Objective

The primary objective of a control hold is to gain control of a subject using objectively reasonable force.

Benefits

The proper use of a control hold can help a peace officer:

- Effectively control a subject
- Guide a subject in a desired direction
- Control a subject for searching
- Control a subject while handcuffing
- Prevent escape

Considerations When Using a Control Hold

The following chart highlights a number of considerations peace officers should be aware of when a control hold is used on a subject:

Consideration	Explanation
Direction and control	If a subject resists or does not respond to the control hold, the peace officer may increase the pressure of the hold or transition to another technique in order to obtain control. Once compliance is achieved, the control hold should be reevaluated. The force used must be objectively reasonable.
Close proximity of the peace officer and the subject	Peace officers are within striking distance of the subject during the use of a control hold and the officer's weapon may be accessible to the subject. A peace officer may be able to respond faster through touch than by sight.
With multiple officers	Communication is important for coordinating control amongst peace officers.

Continued Training

Ongoing training is critical for peace officers and is necessary to maintain proficiency with control holds.

TAKEDOWN TECHNIQUES

Definition

A **takedown technique** is a method for taking the subject to the ground to control the subject and the situation.

Primary Objective

The primary objective of a takedown technique is to gain control of a subject.

Benefits

The proper use of a takedown technique may help a peace officer:

- Defuse a situation
- Achieve greater control over a subject
- Distract a subject
- Control a situation
- Reduce the ability of the suspect to effectively attack, strike, or escape

Considerations When Using a Takedown Technique

The following chart highlights a number of considerations peace officers should be aware of when a takedown technique is used:

Consideration	Explanation
Close proximity of the peace officer and the subject	Peace officers are within striking distance of the subject during a takedown technique and are vulnerable to attack.
Team takedown	When possible, peace officers should control the arms to prevent the subject from tucking their arms. Communication is important for coordinating control amongst officers.
A single technique may not be adequate to gain complete control of the subject.	Peace officers must be prepared to transition to another technique if the one currently being used is not working.

Continued Training

Ongoing training is critical for peace officers and is necessary to maintain proficiency with takedowns.

Learning Need

Peace officers must be ready and physically capable of taking control of a subject and to justify their actions if the subject refuses to follow verbal commands, physically resists, or attempts to attack the peace officer during a detention or arrest situation.

Justification For Using Control Holds and Takedowns [33.03.1]

The primary goal of using force is to gain control of a subject. Peace officer considerations for using objectively reasonable force include, but are not limited to, the:

- Immediate threat to the safety of peace officers or others
- Active resistance or attempt to flee
- Severity of the crime at issue
- Tense, uncertain and rapidly evolving circumstances
- Subject's display of aggressive or assaultive behavior
- Physical size of the subject (as compared to the peace officer's)
- Need for immediate control of the subject due to tactical considerations
- Peace officer's perception of the subject's knowledge of the martial arts or other skills
- Inability to control a subject by other means

Considerations When Applying a Control Hold [33.03.2]

The primary considerations peace officers need to be aware of when applying a control hold include control holds can be used for direction and control, the close proximity of the peace officer and the subject means peace officers are within striking distance of the subject, the peace officers' weapon may be accessible to the subject, and the peace officers may be able to respond faster through touch than by sight.

Considerations When Performing a Takedown Technique [33.03.3]

There are several primary considerations peace officers need to be aware of when employing a takedown technique including the subject's proximity, whether additional peace officers are needed, and a single technique may not be adequate to gain complete control of the subject.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Describe the difference between a takedown and a control hold.
2. Evaluate the statement, "Strength and speed are useless to peace officers without balance and coordination." Write down a scenario that illustrates your points.

Activity Questions (Continued)

3. After a foot chase a peace officer takes down a suspected drug dealer and places her in a control hold. As she continues to struggle and curse at the peace officer, she yells, “Let go! You’re breaking my arm.” What action should the peace officer take at this time? Explain your response.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Introduction

There are a variety of acceptable techniques for using control holds and takedowns. The instructor will be discussing and demonstrating these techniques during class. Students will have the opportunity to practice each technique and develop their own level of skill.

Evaluation Criteria

As part of the classroom activities, students will be evaluated by their instructor on their ability to perform control holds and takedown techniques under different conditions.

Control Hold Mechanics

Exercise tests will be used to test the student's ability to demonstrate the mechanics of a control hold(s) to minimally include:

- Safety
- Maintaining proper balance and control
- Maintaining awareness of environment and subject(s) actions
- Controlling force
- Proper technique
- Verbal commands/instructions

Takedown Technique Mechanics

Exercise tests will be used to demonstrate the mechanics of a takedown technique(s) and will minimally include:

- Safety
- Maintaining proper balance and control
- Maintaining awareness of environment and subject(s) actions
- Controlling force
- Proper technique
- Verbal commands/instructions

Criteria Definitions

Refer to Supplementary Material (S-1) for definitions that provide a general description of the student behavior that instructors look for when evaluating student test performance on the Arrest Methods/Impact Weapon performance objectives.

Chapter 4

Restraint Devices

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

The application of a restraint device (i.e. handcuffs, plastic flex cuffs, leg restraint devices, full body restraints) on a subject can be a difficult and potentially dangerous task for a peace officer. Peace officers must be proficient in the use of proper methods to ensure their safety and the safety of the subjects.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
• Explain the purpose of using restraint devices on a subject	33.04.01
• Explain potential hazards when using restraint devices on a subject	33.04.02
• Demonstrate the proper application and correct positioning of handcuffs on a subject	33.04.03
• Explain various double-locking mechanisms on handcuffs	33.04.04
• Discuss the responsibilities of the contact and cover officers when handcuffing multiple subjects	33.04.05

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on the characteristics of using handcuffs and other restraint devices. Refer to the chart below for specific topics.

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INTRODUCTION TO RESTRAINT DEVICES

Introduction

Restraint devices, such as handcuffs, are safety devices for both the peace officer and prisoner. Handcuffs inhibit/limit movement, but they do not provide total control.

Objective Of Using a Restraint Device

Peace officers are responsible for their prisoners at all times while in custody. All restraint devices are *temporary* restraining devices used to limit a prisoner's actions. They do not totally immobilize a subject.

Restraint devices are used to minimize:

- Attack on the peace officer or others
- Escape of the prisoner
- Destruction or concealment of evidence or contraband
- Self-inflicted injury by subject
- Combat between prisoners

Agency Policies

Agency policies may vary regarding the use of different restraint devices. Peace officers should be familiar with their own agency's policies regarding limitations and procedures for using restraining devices.

Types Of Restraint Devices

There are a variety of devices peace officers can use to temporarily restrain a subject. Any restraint device used by peace officers must be used only according to agency policies.

Although this chapter discusses the most widely used control device, handcuffs, there may be a number of other devices available to peace officers. The following list identifies some types of restraining devices:

- Handcuffs
- Plastic flex cuffs
- Leg restraint devices
- Full body restraints

Potential Hazards of Restraint Devices

Peace officers should be aware that the use of additional restraint devices to control a subject may cause additional concerns for the subject's physical well-being. Peace officers may consider repositioning subjects (e.g., place them on their side) to prevent injury.

Peace officers should have an operational understanding of their agency's policies and guidelines regarding recovery positions when using other restraint devices.

Positional Asphyxia

Per *Government Code 7286.5(a)* a law enforcement agency shall not authorize techniques or transport methods that involve a substantial risk of positional asphyxia.

Positional asphyxia means situation a person in a manner that compresses their airway and reduces the ability to sustain adequate breathing. This includes, without limitation, the use of any physical restraint that causes a person's respiratory airway to be compressed or impairs the person's breathing or respiratory capacity, including any action in which pressure or body weight is unreasonably applied against a restrained person's neck, torso, or back, or positioning a restrained person without reasonable monitoring for signs of asphyxia.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR USE OF HANDCUFFS

Introduction

The most common restraint device available to peace officers is handcuffs. In order to maximize their effectiveness, peace officers must be knowledgeable and skilled in their use.

Handcuff Nomenclature

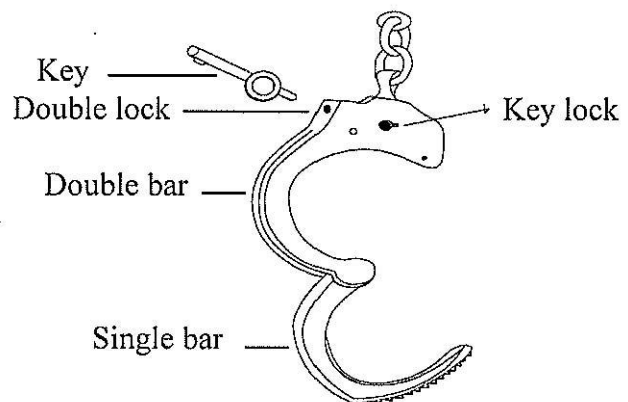
Peace officers must be familiar with the parts of the handcuff. The main components of the handcuff are illustrated below:

Locking Mechanisms

- Key
- Double lock
- Key lock

Restraining Bars

- Double bar
- Single bar



Be familiar with other double-locking mechanisms.

Hazards Of Handcuff Use

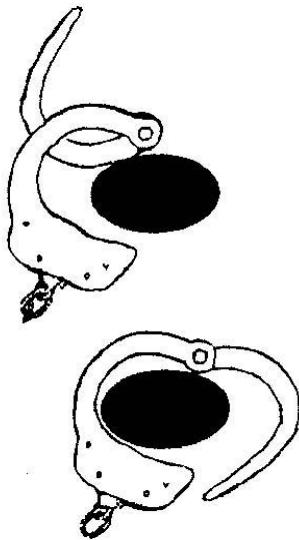
Handcuffs are *temporary* restraining devices. They do not totally immobilize a prisoner. Because a subject is handcuffed does not mean peace officers can relinquish responsibility to maintain constant observation and control of their prisoner. The chart below illustrates some hazards that may be associated with handcuff use.

If:	Then there is the possibility of:
A subject is left unattended in a peace officer's vehicle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prisoner escape• Threat to peace officer safety• Harm to the prisoner• Destruction of evidence• Threat to public safety• Potential harm to the subject
Visual contact and control of the subject are not maintained	
Handcuffs are not applied properly	
A subject is handcuffed to a stationary object	

Guidelines For Position and Application

Hands should be placed behind the prisoner's back whenever possible to enhance the peace officer's control of the prisoner. Correct placement of handcuffs on the prisoner's wrists is essential for preventing injury or escape.

Additional guidelines for positioning handcuffs on a prisoner include the following:



- Handcuffs should be applied on the subject's bare wrist between the hand and the protruding ulnar bone
- The shape of the handcuff should correspond with the shape of the subject's wrist
- Handcuffs should be properly adjusted. Too tight may cause reduced circulation or nerve damage. Too loose could allow the prisoner to escape
- Handcuffs should not be applied over the top of clothing or jewelry
- Handcuffs should be double locked when tactically safe

Double Locking

Double locking reduces the possibility of inflicting injury from handcuffs tightening further on the prisoner's wrists. It also reduces the possibility of the subject picking or slipping the locking mechanism.

Removing Handcuffs/Restraint Devices

Care must be taken when removing or exchanging handcuffs or other restraint devices from a prisoner to maximize peace officer control of the prisoner.

Contact and Cover Officer Roles When Handcuffing Multiple Prisoners

Peace officers may have to employ different techniques and methodologies when applying handcuffs (restraint devices) to more than one prisoner during an arrest procedure. In such situations, the responsibilities of the contact officer and the cover officer need to be clearly understood.

<i>The contact officer:</i>	<i>The cover officer:</i>
Controls the subjects, directing them verbally to arrest positions and giving them arrest commands Alerts cover officer of weapons found	Speaks only when a situation arises that is not controlled by the contact officer. Examples of possible situations may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A subject makes a furtive move• To provide safety to the contact officer• The cover officer sees a weapon on a subject• The contact officer is ineffective• The contact officer is distracted
Handcuffs the subjects	Positions themselves to avoid crossfire situations

Learning Need

The application of a restraint device (i.e. handcuffs, plastic flex cuffs, leg restraint devices, full body restraints) on a subject can be a difficult and potentially dangerous task for a peace officer. Peace officers must be proficient in the use of proper methods to ensure their safety and the safety of the subject(s).

Purpose Of Restraint Devices [33.04.01]

Peace officers are responsible for their prisoners at all times while in custody. All restraint devices are temporary restraining devices used to limit a prisoner's actions. They do not totally immobilize a subject.

Potential Hazards When Using Handcuffs as A Restraint Device [33.04.02]

Handcuffs are *temporary* restraining devices. They do not totally immobilize a prisoner. Because a subject is handcuffed does not mean that peace officers can relinquish their responsibility to maintain constant control and observation of a prisoner.

Proper Application and Correct Positioning of Handcuffs on Subject [33.04.03]

Hands should be placed behind the prisoner's back whenever possible to enhance the peace officer's control of the prisoner. Correct placement of handcuffs on the prisoner's wrists is essential for preventing injury or escape.

Various Double-Locking Mechanisms on Handcuffs [33.04.04]

Peace officers should be familiar with various types of double-locking mechanisms on handcuffs.

Responsibilities Of the Contact and Cover Officers When Handcuffing Subject [33.04.05]

Peace officers may have to employ different techniques and methodologies when applying handcuffs to more than one prisoner during an arrest procedure. In such situations, the responsibilities of the contact officer and the cover officer need to be clearly understood.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Police shows on television often depict handcuffing a subject as the final control act a peace officer has to do during an arrest. Why might this be a dangerous image for real peace officers to have in mind? What control actions should a peace officer take after handcuffing a subject?
2. Find the protruding ulnar bone on your own wrist. Locate the correct placement for handcuffs. Explain how improper placement or tightness of handcuffs could cause pain or injury or allow escape.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Introduction

There are a variety of acceptable techniques for handcuffing subjects. The instructor will be discussing and demonstrating these techniques during class. Students will have the opportunity to practice each technique and develop their own level of skill.

Evaluation Criteria

As part of the classroom activities, students will be evaluated by their instructor on their ability to perform tasks involving restraint devices under different conditions.

Contact Officer Tasks

Exercise tests will be used to test the student's ability to safely and effectively handcuff suspects and may include the following activities:

- Handcuffing and safe removal of handcuffs from a single subject
- Handcuffing and safe removal of handcuffs from multiple subjects

The testing criteria to minimally include:

- Safety
- Awareness
- Balance
- Control
- Controlling force
- Proper techniques
- Verbal commands/instructions

Chapter 5

Firearm Retention and Takeaways

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

Peace officers must maintain control of their firearm(s) and, when appropriate, be physically capable of disarming a subject.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
• Describe factors involved in retaining a peace officer's firearm	33.05.01
• Demonstrate the basic techniques for peace officers to safely maintain control of their firearm in a physical conflict	33.05.02
• Discuss a peace officer's tactical considerations when confronted by an armed subject	33.05.03
• Discuss tactical considerations when disarming a subject	33.05.04
• Discuss the justification for a peace officer to continually train in arrest methods, weapon retention and takeaway	33.05.05

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on handgun retention and takeaway principles. Refer to the following chart for specific topics.

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Introduction

On average nationwide, about one out of every six times a criminal manages to take a handgun away from a peace officer, it results in the death of the officer or the officer's partner.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Uniform Crime Report, POST: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in the Line of Duty (LEOKA) Report.

Increased Officer Awareness

Increased awareness, along with improved training and better equipment, can avert tragedy.

- From 2005 through 2009, one officer was killed by their firearm after it was taken from them
- Prisoners or convicts practice weapon takeaway in prison
- More than one-half, or 13 of the 24 peace officers killed in California from 2005 through 2009 were attacked on approach, were set up and deliberately attacked, or were attacked while distracted
- 8 of the 24 on-duty officers were attacked within one minute of arriving on scene
- Loss of peace officer's firearm may place the officer and others in imminent danger
- According to the 2011 LEOKA report, 56 officers were killed feloniously nationally, 7 with their own weapon
- In the 2011 LEOKA report, four peace officers were killed in California by firearms, one with their own firearm

Factors Of Weapon Retention

There are three factors peace officers must recognize and understand in order to safeguard their firearm.

- Opportunity
- Equipment
- Training

Opportunity

Peace officers must always be aware of the location of their own firearm and be conscious of the opportunity it presents to those people around them.

Peace officers must be continually focused on:

- What they are doing
- Why they are doing it
- What is happening around them

Equipment

Peace officers must know and understand what their equipment is capable of doing and not doing.

A peace officer's holster has several functions. It must:

- Securely hold the peace officer's firearm in the same position at all times
- Withstand the stress of someone pulling on it violently
- Allow the peace officer to draw the firearm quickly and safely
- Hold the firearm firmly and prevent it from falling out of the holster even when the thumb snap is released and during vigorous body movement

At the same time, the peace officer's holster may have limitations the peace officer must be conscious of. The peace officer should be aware that:

- With some styles of holsters, a downward grabbing action by a subject's hand from the front could cause the holster to unsnap
- Holsters must be maintained in good condition and at all times be mechanically sound. Peace officers are responsible for inspecting and replacing worn straps, snaps and other parts when needed
- The holster should have reinforced safety construction features to hold it securely and allow the peace officer to maintain control of the firearm

Training

Peace officers must maintain a high level of skill in reacting to a subject's attempt to take their firearm.

No matter the type or condition of equipment a peace officer uses, there is still no guarantee that the weapon cannot be removed from the holster by a subject. Peace officers must hone their skill level with continuous firearm retention training.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FIREARM RETENTION

Introduction

In a physical conflict when a subject may have access to a peace officer's firearm, officers must be able to respond quickly and decisively to maintain control of their firearm and repel the attack.

General Principles

There are a variety of acceptable techniques in the area of firearm retention. No matter which technique is applied, there are a number of common basic principles to retaining control of a firearm if the officer is assaulted by a subject. The following chart illustrates these principles:

Principle	Description
Secure weapon	Secure the firearm in the holster. This is done by trapping the subject's hand onto the firearm and forcing the firearm down into the holster.
Distraction/response	The peace officer's response should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distract the subject from the objective of obtaining the firearm
Gain position	The peace officer should be in a position that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offers the greatest opportunity to exert maximum leverage• Places the subject off balance and provides the peace officer with a position of advantage and strength• Protects the peace officer against additional assault
Effect release	To ensure the release of the firearm, the peace officer should gain complete control of the subject and the situation.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF FIREARM TAKEAWAYS

Introduction

The danger of injury or death is often determined in a fraction of a second. It takes only a fraction of a second for a subject to physically pull the trigger. Selecting the appropriate time to move can be the peace officer's most critical decision.

Tactical Considerations: Confronting An Armed Subject

There are a number of tactical considerations peace officers should consider when confronting or attempting to disarm a subject. The considerations include, but are not limited to:

Before attempting to disarm a subject, peace officers should consider:	Rationale
The danger of injury to themselves and to others.	A peace officer's first consideration must be their own safety and the safety of innocent bystanders. NOTE: If a subject's behavior has caused or imminently threatens to cause death or great bodily harm to peace officers or other persons, peace officers are justified in using deadly force.
The type of firearm the subject is holding.	The technique to be used to disarm a subject will depend on whether the firearm is a handgun or a long gun.

Before attempting to disarm a subject, peace officers should consider:	Rationale
The distance between the peace officer and the subject.	In order to disarm a subject, the peace officer must get as close to the weapon as possible to employ a disarming technique.
Their own level of skill, physical conditioning, and training.	<p>Peace officers must constantly train to maintain their own skills in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of their surroundings and critically evaluate the perceived skill and physical condition of the subject • Maintain their own balance and be ready and able to respond quickly • Use a firearm takeaway technique that is appropriate for the situation

Moving Out of The Line of Fire

One principle of taking a firearm away from a subject is to move out of the subject's line of fire. As long as the subject has a gun aimed at the peace officer, the subject has the advantage. When a peace officer moves out of the way, the subject has lost that advantage.

Distracting The Subject

As quickly as possible, move out of the line of fire or gain the advantage over a subject while the subject is distracted. There are two times when a subject may be easily distracted, as explained in the following chart.

Subjects may be distracted...	Because...
While they are talking	Their thoughts may be focused on what they are saying rather than the movements of the peace officer.
While listening to questions directed to them by a peace officer	They may have to refocus their own thoughts in order to answer.

Justification To Retain Firearm/Disarm Subject

From 2005 through 2009, 22 of the 24 California peace officers killed in the line of duty were murdered with firearms (handguns, high powered rifles/assault type weapons).

One of the peace officers was overpowered, his firearm was taken away and it was used to kill him. This supports justification that peace officers continually train in arrest methods, weapon retention and takeaway.

Source: Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted in the Line of Duty (LEOKA) Report. California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).

Learning Need

Peace officers must maintain control of their firearm(s) and, when appropriate, be physically capable of disarming a subject.

Factors In Retaining a Peace Officer's Firearm [33.05.01]

There are three factors peace officers must recognize and understand in order to safeguard their firearm. These factors are opportunity, equipment, and training.

Techniques For Safely Regaining Control of Peace Officer's Firearm [33.05.02]

There are a variety of acceptable techniques in the area of firearm retention. No matter which technique is applied, there are a number of common basic principles to regaining control of a firearm if the peace officer is assaulted by a subject.

Tactical Considerations When Confronting a Subject [33.05.03]

There are a number of considerations peace officers should consider before confronting an armed subject. These are based upon the specific circumstances and the peace officer's skill, physical conditioning, and training. Peace officers should consider the danger of injury to themselves and to others in the area, the type of firearm the subject is holding, the distance between the peace officer and the subject, and their own level of skill, physical conditioning, and training.

Tactical Considerations: Disarming An Armed Subject [33.05.04]

There are a number of tactical considerations peace officers should consider before confronting or attempting to disarm a subject. Peace officers should consider the danger of injury to themselves and to others in the area, the type of firearm the subject is holding, the distance between the peace officer and the subject, and their own level of skill, physical conditioning, and training.

Justification To Train in Arrest Methods, Weapon Retention, And Takeaway [33.05.05]

From 2005 through 2009, 22 of the 24 California peace officers killed in the line of duty were murdered with firearms. One officer was killed with his own firearm. This reveals the need for officers to continually train in firearms retention/takeaway.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Why might a peace officer's ability to get and keep an armed subject talking lessen the risk of injury or death?
2. During an arrest, the subject struggles with the peace officer and gets her hand on the butt of the peace officer's holstered firearm. What actions should the peace officer take immediately to maintain control of the firearm and protect the safety of self and others?

Activity Questions (Continued)

3. Peace officers should check equipment to ensure that it is properly maintained. What aspects of a holster should be considered in determining whether it can adequately perform its function?

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Introduction

There are a variety of acceptable techniques peace officers may use for retaining their handgun or taking a handgun away from a subject. The instructor will discuss and demonstrate these techniques during class. Students will have the opportunity to practice each technique and develop their own level of skill.

Evaluation Criteria

As part of the classroom activities, students will be evaluated by their instructor on their ability to retain their handgun and perform handgun takeaway techniques under different conditions.

Handgun Takeaway Techniques

Exercise tests will be used to test the student's ability to demonstrate handgun takeaway techniques and may include:

- Front handgun takeaway techniques
- Rear handgun takeaway techniques

The testing criteria to minimally include:

- Safety
- Awareness
- Balance
- Control
- Controlling force
- Proper techniques
- Verbal commands/instructions

Handgun Retention Techniques

Exercise tests to demonstrate handgun retention techniques may include:

- A holstered handgun (front and rear) technique
- An unholstered handgun technique

The testing criteria to minimally include:

- Safety
- Awareness
- Balance
- Control
- Controlling force
- Proper techniques
- Verbal commands/instructions

Chapter 6

Use of Impact Weapons

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

Peace officers must know that an impact weapon is a force option.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe a peace officer's legal authority for using an impact weapon	33.06.01
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss circumstances when a peace officer is justified in using an impact weapon	33.06.02
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Demonstrate the appropriate areas on a subject's body that if struck with an impact weapon can be effective in gaining control	33.06.03
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe areas on a subject's body that if struck with an impact weapon could cause serious injury to the subject	33.06.04
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Discuss the use of verbal commands during a confrontation	33.06.05

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on the characteristics of using the impact weapon. Refer to the chart below for specific topics.

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INTRODUCTION TO IMPACT WEAPONS

Introduction

Every peace officer must understand that an impact weapon (i.e. baton) should be used only when a peace officer is acting in an objectively reasonable manner.

Authority For Use

In law enforcement, impact weapons are to be used in an authorized and objectively reasonable manner.

Peace officers have the authority to use an impact weapon (i.e. baton):

- In self-defense
- In defense of others
- To effect an arrest
- To prevent escape
- To overcome resistance
- In civil unrest situations

Agency Policy

Each set of circumstances will require peace officers to exercise judgment in the decision of the force to use. Peace officers must be aware of and follow their agency's policies regarding the use of an impact weapon as a force option.

Illegal Use by a Peace Officer

An impact weapon is used to gain control. Once control has been achieved, the impact weapon should not be used further against a subject.

Any peace officer who uses an impact weapon against a subject beyond objectively reasonable force (i.e., *Graham vs. Connor*) can be criminally liable under the following statutes:

Offense	Penal Code Section
Public officer unnecessarily assaulting or beating any person under color of authority	149
Assault with a deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily injury	245
Offense	Federal Code Section
Deprivation of rights under color of law	Title 18 242 USC Section 1983

Types Of Batons for Peace Officer Use

There is no one type of impact weapon used exclusively by law enforcement. They are constructed of various materials and come in various weights and lengths. Peace officers should only use the type of baton authorized by their departments and those they have been properly trained to use.

Various types of batons include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Straight batons
- Side-handle batons
- Expandable batons
- Riot batons

GUIDELINES FOR IMPACT WEAPONS

Introduction

When reasonable, the peace officer may draw their impact weapon as a show of force. This action alone may control the situation. Even after an impact weapon has been drawn, peace officers should continue giving verbal commands when it is feasible to control the situation.

Justification For Use

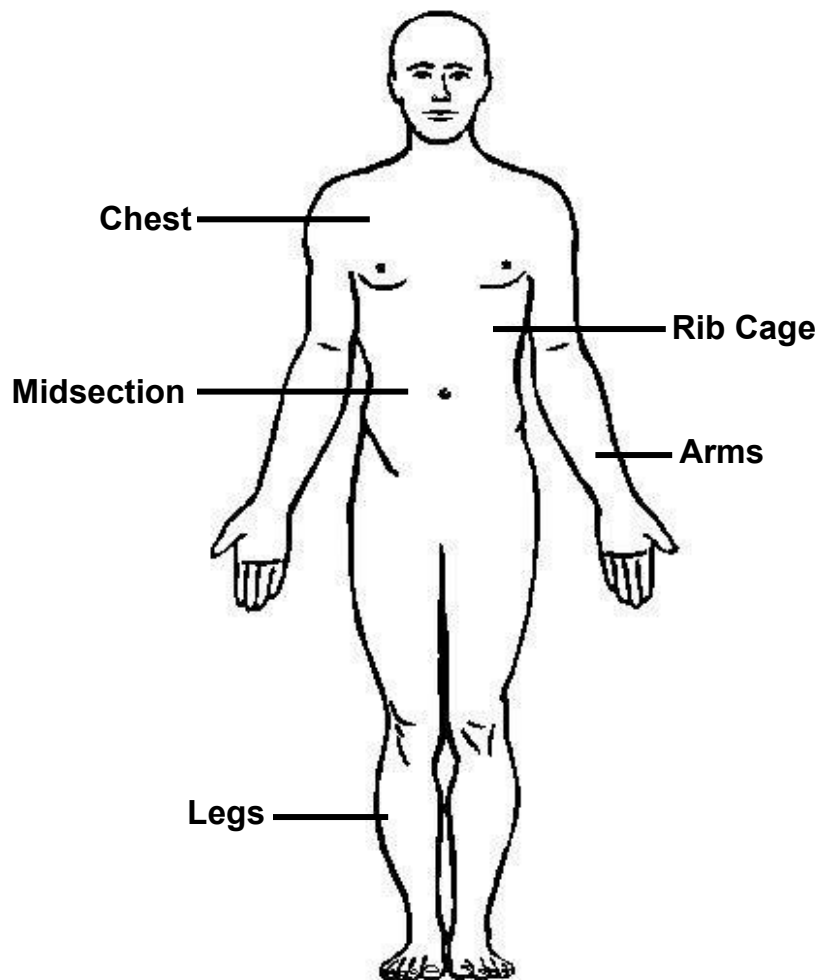
As the subject's actions vary, peace officers must constantly reevaluate the situation and the amount of force needed. The immediate threat to the safety of peace officers and others and the subject's active resistance are two factors peace officers should consider during a force application. The following chart illustrates possible conditions where peace officers are justified to use their baton:

Condition	Justification for Use
Size of the subject compared with the size of the peace officer	Peace officers reasonably believe they cannot overcome the resistance of assault or gain control of the subject by using a lesser amount of force.
Subject exhibits a trained fighting skill	Stance or action of the subject leads peace officers to believe they cannot overcome the assault or gain control of the subject by use of arrest and control techniques.
Multiple subjects	Peace officer is faced with several unarmed subjects who are threatening and capable of carrying out the threat, or who make an overt act to carry out the threat.
Control needed due to tactical considerations	Peace officer is involved in a crowd control or riot situation (to move, separate, disperse, or deny access).
	Peace officer is attacked by suspect who is armed (to disarm, distract, or disable the subject).

Possible General Target Areas

When using an impact weapon, the peace officer's goal is to gain control of the subject and the situation. Target areas on a subject's person should be objectively reasonable under the circumstances.

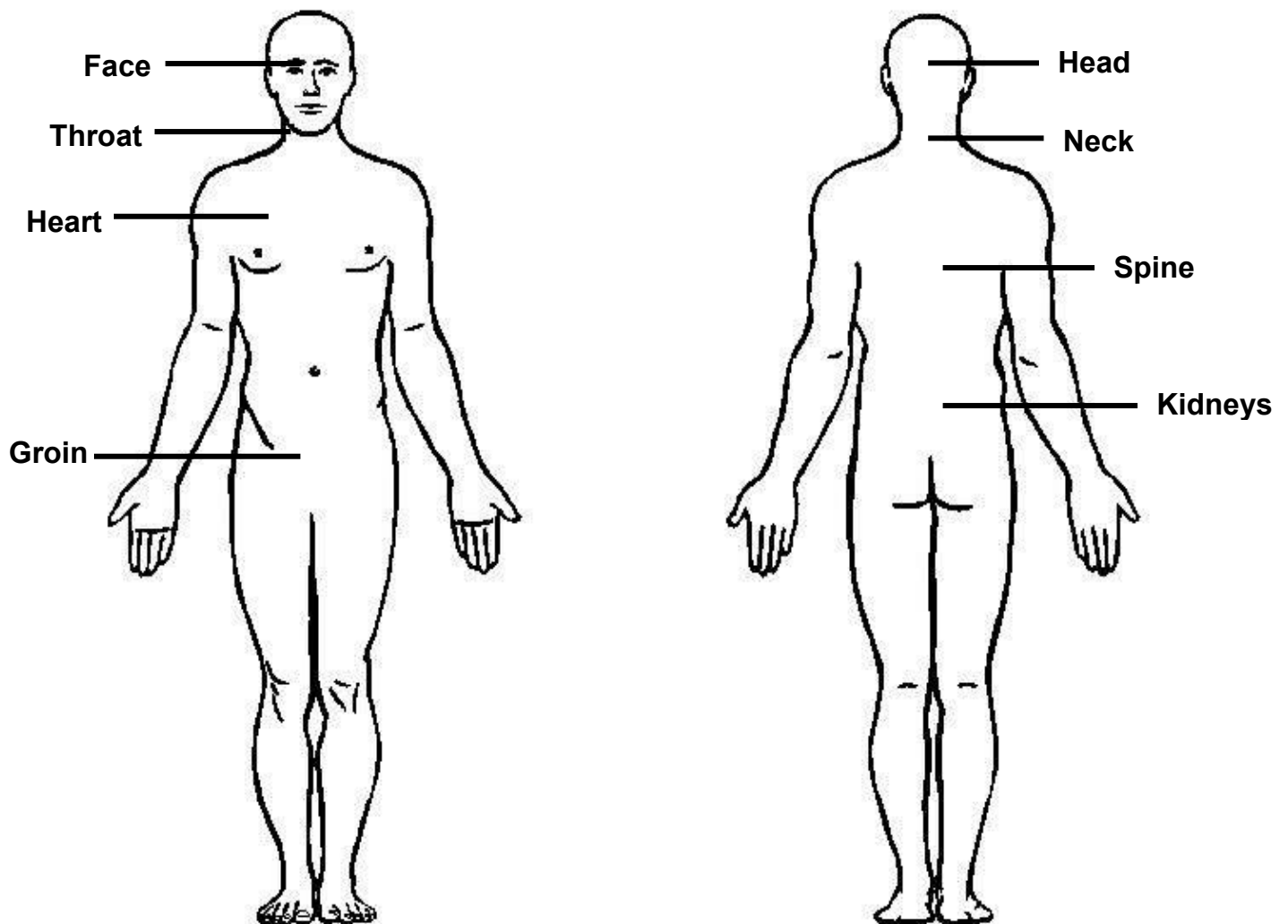
Possible target areas include:



NOTE: Subjects are often moving and therefore it may be difficult to strike a specific target area.

Vulnerable Areas

When an impact weapon is used on certain parts of the human body, it can cause serious injury. Intentional strikes to these areas must be objectively reasonable.



Medical Assistance

Since the subject who has been struck by an impact weapon may suffer injury, agency policies may require whenever a peace officer uses an impact weapon on a subject, the subject should be examined by medical personnel.

Keep in mind that an injury, or the extent of an injury, may not be immediately apparent to an arresting officer and each subject struck should be assessed for the need of further medical treatment.

Need For Ongoing Training

Impact weapon techniques are designed to permit a peace officer to achieve physical control over a subject as quickly as possible.

Appropriate technique requires a peace officer to develop good coordination between body and mind as well as good judgment. This means a peace officer must practice, not only during the original training period of instruction, but also on a *continuing basis* so that skill will be retained.

Verbal Commands

During a confrontation, peace officers need to continue to tactically communicate with the subject. Effective delivery of clear and concise verbal commands will help the peace officer gain control of subjects.

Learning Need

Peace officers must recognize that an impact weapon is a force option.

Peace Officer's Legal Authority for Use of An Impact Weapon [33.06.01]

A peace officer's baton is a deadly weapon as defined in *Penal Code Section 22210*. In law enforcement, however, impact weapons are to be used in an authorized and objectively reasonable manner.

Circumstances When an Impact Weapon Is Justified [33.06.02]

As the subject's actions vary, peace officers must constantly evaluate the situation, and the amount of force used.

Appropriate Target Areas on Subject's Body [33.06.03]

When using an impact weapon, the peace officer's goal is to gain control of the subject and the situation. Target areas on a subject's person should be objectively reasonable under the circumstances.

Areas To Avoid on Subject's Body [33.06.04]

When an impact weapon is used on certain parts of the human body, it can cause serious injury. Intentional strikes to these areas must be objectively reasonable.

Verbal Commands [33.06.05]

During a confrontation peace officers need to tactically communicate with the subject.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Why should a peace officer generally avoid striking a subject across the spine with an impact weapon? What problems could a strike to the lower back produce? When, if ever, do you feel a peace officer should consider this area as a target?

2. Consider your own size and skill level. Now, write a short scenario describing a set of circumstances where you feel it is objectively reasonable for impact weapon application. Make sure to describe the person(s) on whom you would use the impact weapon to control and include your rationale for impact weapon use.

STUDENT PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Introduction

There are a variety of acceptable techniques for the use of the impact weapon (i.e. baton) approved by your agency. The instructor will be discussing and demonstrating these techniques during class. Students will have the opportunity to practice each technique and develop an acceptable level of competency.

Evaluation Criteria

As part of the classroom activities, students will be evaluated by their instructor on their ability to use an impact weapon under different conditions.

Impact Weapon Use

Exercise tests will be used to test the student's ability to demonstrate the use of an impact weapon and may include:

- Safety
- Awareness
- Balance
- Control
- Controlling force
- Proper techniques
- Verbal commands/instructions
- First aid assessment

Chapter 7

Ground Control

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

Peace officers must be familiar with the basic movements and Arrest and Control techniques associated with ground control.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the various ground positions and their associated risks	33.07.01
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate basic ground control positions when controlling a subject	33.07.02
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate a defense against a takedown attempt	33.07.03
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate defenses against choke holds	33.07.04
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate escape and/or reversal skill on the ground including the following positions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Top mount- Back mount- Side mount- Guard	33.07.05
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate weapon retention from various positions on the ground	33.07.06

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on ground control. Refer to the following chart for specific topics.

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GROUND POSITIONS

Introduction

During altercations Peace officers may find themselves on the ground in various positions. This chapter will describe common ground positions of control.

Objective

Ground altercations are inherently high risk for peace officers with the potential for serious injury or death. Peace officers should be familiar with various basic ground control positions in order to establish control and survive a violent encounter.

If a peace officer is unable to establish or maintain control in a ground position, the peace officer should attempt to move to a standing position of advantage which would allow the peace officer access to other force options.

Basic Ground Control Position Photos



Back Mount



Mount



Side Control #2



Guard

Basic Ground Control Positions

The chart below identifies some of the advantages and disadvantages for the peace officer based on being in the dominant position and the peace officer's training and experience.

Basic Ground Control Positions	Advantages	Disadvantages
Back mount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple targets available for striking with limited defensibility• Person on bottom unable to effectively deliver strikes• Best position for achieving handcuffing• Ability to tactically disengage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May not be able to determine status of suspects hands or presence of weapons• Reduced awareness of surroundings and other suspects• Tunnel vision and the accelerated onset of fatigue
Top mount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control of suspect• Preferred striking position• Ease of additional force tools• Ability to tactically disengage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proximity of weapon system• Size considerations of the suspect for control purposes• Limits movement against multiple suspects• Reduced awareness of surroundings and other suspects• Tunnel vision and the accelerated onset of fatigue

Basic Ground Control Positions (Continued)

Basic Ground Control Positions	Advantages	Disadvantages
Side control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to tactically disengage • Move to standing position in order to transition to prone handcuffing • Ability to use personal weapons against suspect • Greater degree of control over suspect by using leverage and / or body weight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presence of peace officer's handgun • Reduces peace officer's ability to access radio or other force options • Restricted mobility while wearing equipment • Reduced awareness of surroundings and other suspects • Tunnel vision and the accelerated onset of fatigue
Guard	<p>Top</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Striking using gravity to your advantage • Weight distribution • Option to stand <p>Bottom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position for arm locks • Sweeps 	<p>Top</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposed to arm locks • Chokes and sweeps <p>Bottom</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection from strikes limited • Weapon retention

DEFENSE AGAINST A TAKEDOWN ATTEMPT

Introduction

In a physical confrontation, peace officers must be prepared to defend their standing positions from various suspect attempts to take them to the ground.

As stated earlier, a peace officer with a combative suspect on the ground becomes significantly more vulnerable to attack and has substantially reduced access to his/her weapon(s).

Description

Peace officers should be aware that an attempt to take them down to the ground can come from any direction and from various distances. For these reasons, the officer must remain constantly vigilant and maintain 360-degree situational awareness to avoid a suspect's aggressive takedown. Proper and quick reactions can reduce the risk of officer injury and overcome a suspect's actions.

- Moving out of the line of attack and transitioning to other force options can protect the peace officer
- If the suspect has tried to take the peace officer to the ground by tackling, a takedown defense technique could be used successfully

NOTE: In the event a peace officer fails to prevent a takedown, the resultant position on the ground will dictate which escape reversal technique is used.

Introduction

Peace officers must recognize being strangled by a suspect could result in serious bodily injury or death. Peace officers should be able to defend themselves against a variety of “choke” attacks from multiple positions.

Peace Officer Awareness: Expect The Unexpected

The critical nature of this type of attack may leave a peace officer unable to defend themselves or others. The peace officer must react quickly to regain a position of advantage.

The peace officer should be aware of the suspect accessing the officer's equipment.

The peace officer should consider other force options to assist them in escape techniques.

GROUND CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS

Introduction

Physical altercations often end on the ground. Peace officers must be able to respond quickly and decisively to escape or reverse to a controlling position.

Tactical Considerations

Peace officers must maintain a high level of self-discipline during a ground altercation.

Peace officers must:

- Not panic
- Continue to breathe
- Stay relaxed
- Have the will to survive

Peace officers must understand the importance of developing the skill to:

- Retain their weapons
- Protect against joint locks
- Protect against chokes
- Protect against being bitten
- Use escape and reversal techniques

FIREARM RETENTION FROM THE GROUND

Introduction

In a physical conflict on the ground, the risks are higher and the suspect has greater access to the peace officer's firearm. Peace officers must be able to respond quickly and decisively to maintain control of their firearm and repel the attack.

General Principles

There are a variety of acceptable firearm retention techniques from the ground. No matter which technique is applied, there are a number of common basic principles to retaining control of a firearm if the peace officer is assaulted by a subject. The following chart illustrates these principles:

Principle	Description
Secure Weapon	Secure the firearm in the holster. This is done by trapping the subject's hand onto the firearm and forcing the firearm down into the holster or rolling onto the firearm using the ground as a controlling agent
Response	The officer's response should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utilize personal weapons and escape techniques• Distract the subject from the objective of obtaining the firearm• Be immediate and without hesitation
Gain Position of Advantage	The officer should be in a position that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offers the greatest opportunity to exert maximum leverage• Places the subject off balance and provides the peace officer with a position of advantage and strength• Protects the peace officer against additional assault
Effect Release	To ensure the release of the firearm, the peace officer should gain complete control of the subject and the situation

Learning Need

During altercations peace officers may find themselves on the ground in various positions and they must be familiar with techniques associated with ground control.

Various Ground Positions and Their Associated Risks [33.07.01]

Ground altercations are inherently high risk for officers with the potential for serious injury or death. Peace officers should be familiar with various basic ground control positions in order to establish control and survive a violent encounter.

Basic Ground Control Positions When Controlling a Subject [33.07.02]

Peace officers must maintain a high level of self-discipline during a ground altercation.

Defense Against a Takedown Attempt [33.07.03]

In a physical confrontation, peace officers must be prepared to defend their standing positions from various attempts by a suspect trying to take them to the ground.

Defense Against Choke Holds [33.07.04]

Peace officers must recognize being strangled by a suspect could result in serious bodily injury or death. Peace officers should be able to defend themselves against a variety of “choke” attacks from multiple positions.

Escape and/or Reversal On The Ground [33.07.05]

Physical conflicts on the ground create additional risks to peace officers and they must be prepared and able to use proper escapes or reversal technique.

Weapon Retention from Various Ground Positions [33.07.06]

Peace officers are exposed to greater risks during physical conflict on the ground and they must be able to respond quickly and properly to retain their firearm.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. A peace officer is conducting a field interrogation on a single subject when suddenly and quickly the subject attempts to tackle the officer's legs. What actions can the officer take to prevent this leg take down? Once the peace officer defeats the take down what would be the next reasonable course of action for the peace officer to take?
2. The take down by the subject above is successful and the peace officer is taken to the ground. What actions should the peace officer take once on the ground? The subject now grabs the peace officer's gun in the holster. What is the first course of action the peace officer should take?

Chapter 8

Transporting Prisoners

OVERVIEW

Learning Need

When transporting a prisoner, peace officers must recognize that the unpredictable nature of prisoners can create a serious threat. Officers must be aware of safety hazards and appropriate transporting procedures to ensure their safety and the safety of the prisoner.

Learning Objectives

The chart below identifies the student learning objectives for this chapter.

After completing study of this chapter, the student will be able to:	Objective ID
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe common transporting procedures that maximize officer safety and prevent prisoner escape	33.08.01
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe the safe and secure positioning of a prisoner in an officer's vehicle	33.08.02

In This Chapter

This chapter focuses on transporting prisoners. Refer to the following chart for specific topics.

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OFFICER SAFETY AND PRISONER TRANSPORTATION

Introduction

The time between a subject's arrest and incarceration is critical. A prisoner facing the loss of freedom can be extremely dangerous. If peace officers relax their vigilance during the transportation of a prisoner, that prisoner could become a safety threat to the peace officers or attempt to escape.

Officer Awareness: Expect The Unexpected

The unpredictable nature of prisoners creates a serious threat to peace officers while removing them from the scene of an arrest. Because a prisoner may submit peacefully at the time of arrest does not guarantee that the same prisoner will not resort to violence or trickery to escape.

Officer Responsibilities

When transporting a prisoner, peace officers are responsible for:

- The safety of themselves, fellow officers, and others in the immediate area
- Minimizing any opportunity the prisoner may have for escape
- The welfare and safety of the prisoner
- Obtaining medical evaluation for the prisoner when needed

Agency Policy

Agency policy regarding the transportation of prisoners will vary. It is the peace officer's responsibility to become familiar with and follow all agency policies.

Certain elements must always be addressed to assure the safe and effective transportation of a prisoner.

- Search of the prisoner
- Search of the vehicle area
- Proper procedures for positioning the prisoner in the vehicle
- Use of safety belts
- Use of additional safety devices
- Observation of the prisoner while transporting

Search The Prisoner

Before transportation, any prisoner shall be searched by a peace officer for possible weapons. Confiscate any articles that can potentially be used for a weapon or is considered contraband. Once the prisoner is in the vehicle, the prisoner is the responsibility of the transporting officer.

Search The Area

Peace officers should always search the area where the prisoner is seated *before and after* transportation. This is key to peace officer safety. Tools, flares, flashlight, pens, pencils, or a weapon hidden by a previous prisoner could be found and used by a prisoner against a peace officer or to cause self-inflicted harm.

Although the interior of a transport car is always searched after delivering a prisoner, it should be searched again before transporting another prisoner.

Restrain The Prisoner

Any prisoner, whether male, female, adult or juvenile, should be properly restrained prior to transporting.

Normally, prisoners should be handcuffed with their hands behind their backs, unless the peace officer is limited by special circumstances (e.g., prisoner's arm in a cast, obese prisoner).

As a reminder, peace officers should check the handcuffs for proper adjustment and ensure they are double locked.

POSITIONING OF THE PRISONER IN A VEHICLE

Introduction

To ensure the safety of both peace officers and prisoners, and to maintain control, prisoners should be positioned properly within the vehicle for transport.

General Procedures

Certain procedures apply when positioning prisoners for transportation.

- Prisoners should be placed in, and removed from, a vehicle in a way that maintains advantage and control over the prisoner
- A second officer, if available, should act as a cover officer while the prisoner is being placed in the vehicle
- A peace officer may assist the primary officer in placing the subject in the vehicle by moving to the opposite side of the vehicle and positioning the subject

Use of Seat Belts

Prisoners should be seated in an upright position and wear seat belts during transportation. The seat belt should be fastened in a manner that reduces possible injury to the peace officer (e.g., cross-face seat belt principle). Seat belts help restrain the prisoner and increase the safety of the prisoner in case of an accident.

Observation of Prisoner During Transport

Peace officers must observe prisoners closely while transporting them.

When transporting a prisoner:

- Assume that any prisoner is an escape risk and a threat to peace officer safety
- If available, have a backup or cover officer in the vehicle as well
- If the prisoner is leg restrained, refer to agency policy

Prisoner Position in Vehicle

Prisoners should be positioned in the vehicle to:

- Ensure safety and welfare of the peace officers and prisoners
- Allow for clear observation of the prisoners

Learning Need

When transporting a prisoner, peace officers must recognize that the unpredictable nature of prisoners can create a serious threat. Peace officers must be aware of safety hazards and appropriate transporting procedures to ensure their safety and the safety of the prisoner.

Common Elements for Safe Transporting of Prisoners [33.08.01]

Agencies vary in policies regarding the transportation of prisoners. It is the peace officer's responsibility to become familiar with and follow all agency policies. Certain elements must always be addressed to ensure the safe and effective transportation of prisoners.

- Search of the prisoner
- Search of the vehicle area
- Proper procedures for positioning the prisoner in the vehicle
- Use of safety belts
- Observation of the prisoner while transporting

Safe and Secure Positioning of a Prisoner in a Peace Officer's Vehicle [33.08.02]

Certain procedures apply when positioning prisoners for transportation. Prisoners should be placed in, and removed from, a vehicle in a way that maintains advantage and control over the prisoner. A second officer, if available, should act as a cover officer while the prisoner is being placed in the vehicle.

WORKBOOK LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Introduction

To help you review and apply the material covered in this chapter, a selection of learning activities has been included. No answers are provided. However, by referring to the appropriate text, you should be able to prepare a response.

Activity Questions

1. Peace officers are transporting a juvenile subject to the station for booking after the subject's arrest for armed carjacking. What precautions should be taken before, during, and after transport to ensure maximum safety for all parties? Should a juvenile subject be treated in any way differently from an adult subject during transport? Explain? How would transportation procedures differ, if at all, if the juvenile had been arrested for shoplifting rather than a violent crime?

Activity Questions (Continued)

2. Diagram the inside of a peace officer's vehicle. Repeat the diagram two more times. Use the diagrams to show the safest seating for a prisoner and cover officer, when applicable. Use one diagram for each of the following sets of circumstances.
 - a) Single prisoner with no cover officer and no screen in the vehicle
 - b) Single prisoner with a cover officer but no screen in the vehicle
 - c) Single prisoner with cover officer and screen in the vehicle

Supplementary Materials

Criteria Definitions

The following definitions provide a general description of the student behavior that instructors must look for when evaluating student test performance on the Arrest and Control performance objectives.

<p>1. Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follows facility rules and regulations - Follows instructor directions - Demonstrates proper use of safety equipment <p>2. Awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrates awareness of immediate threat(s) - Demonstrates awareness of potential threat(s) - Demonstrates awareness of immediate environment and other subjects - Demonstrates awareness of subject's/suspect's hands, feet, and/or weapons - Demonstrates awareness of possible escape routes <p>3. Balance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrates balanced stance - Demonstrates a strong foundation for self-defense - Executes movements in a fluid manner in any direction <p>4. Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Displays self-confidence - Demonstrates appropriate body language, voice modulation, and physical response(s) - Demonstrates proper application of reasonable force - Demonstrates when control over a subject has been achieved 	<p>5. Controlling Force</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrates control of subject/suspect - Demonstrates use of appropriate force options - Demonstrates instructed technique(s) - Demonstrates appropriate speed and power <p>6. Proper Technique(s)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replicates technique as instructed - Demonstrates fluidity, speed and power <p>7. Verbal Commands/Instructions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrates proper verbal commands/instructions which demonstrate command presence - Demonstrates appropriate voice control/tone - Requests/demands compliance - Allows subject/suspect reasonable time to comply <p>8. First Aid Assessment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student determines subject's physical condition (ABC's) - Student determines subject's need for first aid and takes appropriate action
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Glossary

Introduction

The key vocabulary terms for Learning Domain 33: Arrest and Control are listed below with the definitions as they apply to this workbook.

Awareness

Being alert to potential threats a peace officer may face when approaching or interacting with a subject or a potentially dangerous situation

Balance

The position that allows the peace officer to move in any direction with strength and coordination to maintain an advantage

Control Hold

A method of gaining control of a subject by physical manipulation

Consent Search

A search conducted by peace officers with the expressed or implied consent of the person to be searched

General Control

The degree of influence that peace officers must exert over a subject in order to take them into custody

Ground Control

A method of gaining control of a subject while on the ground

Cursory/Frisk Search

A search of a legally detained person to ensure the safety of the peace officer. A frisk affords peace officers the ability to exercise the least amount of control compared to other types of person searches.

Physical Control

The application of specific control holds or other techniques applied by a peace officer which allows the subject to move only in the direction and manner the peace officer chooses

Positional Asphyxia

Positional asphyxia means situating a person in a manner that compresses their airway and reduces the ability to sustain adequate breathing

Probable Cause

Probable cause to arrest exists when the totality of the circumstances of the incident would cause a person of ordinary care and prudence to entertain an honest and strong suspicion that the person to be arrested has committed a crime

Reasonable Suspicion

The standard used to justify a detention which considers whether a peace officer had facts and circumstances that would justify a peace officer of average caution to suspect that activity of a criminal nature has, is, or is about to take place and that the person detained is connected to the activity

Search Incident to an Arrest

A search that takes place at or near the time of a lawful arrest. This type and degree of search permits peace officers to search for and seize weapons or crime-related evidence which the subject might otherwise use or destroy.

Self-Control

Maintaining composure and the ability to make sound judgments or decisions

Takedown Technique

A method for taking the subject to the ground so control can be established, and the subject can be handcuffed