

**Laurel Police Department General Order - 4/107A USE OF FORCE
USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM**

SUBJECT'S ACTIONS	LEVEL OF FORCE	MAXIMUM AUTHORIZED RESPONSE
Level V LIFE THREATING ASSAULT Threat of death or serious physical injury to officer or another	LETHAL	Lethal Force
Level IV AGGRESSION Physical assault, or active threat of assault upon the officer or another	HIGH	Tactical Baton / Hard Personal Weapon Control /Canine Conducted Electrical Weapons [Taser © X2,X26,X26P,Taser 7] Less Lethal Launchers, to include Pepperball Launchers, as impact weapons
Level III ACTIVE RESISTANCE Physically evasive movements to defeat the officers attempt at control, or a verbally manifested intent to resist	INTERMEDIATE	Soft Personal Weapons / Joint Manipulation. Less Lethal Launchers, to include Pepperball Launchers, when used for the purpose of chemical agent delivery without impact / Pressure Points/ Oleoresin Capsicum
Level II PASSIVE OR NON-RESPONSIVE Fails to respond to direction but exhibits no physical resistance	LOW	Escort Techniques
LEVEL I COOPERATIVE, COMPLIANT	NONE	Professional Presence & Verbal Direction

The Use of Force Continuum should be viewed as an elevator, not a ladder. An officer may go to any level provided that the force selected is reasonable.

The Use of Force Continuum is a training guide only and cannot take into consideration all circumstances that confront an officer during a specific incident.