



# SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Adam Fortney, Sheriff

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE GENERAL ORDER NO. 2020-02

**Date:** June 16, 2020

**Subject:** Modification to Office Policy and Procedure Manual:

- **PPM 300 Use of Force**

### **Reason for Modification:**

Addition of the following verbiage to the following sections.

#### **300.1.1 PHILOSOPHY**

Deputies are daily confronted with situations where control must be exercised to restore peace and order, effect an arrest, and protect public safety. Frequently, deputies are placed into situations that have deteriorated beyond the level at which verbal communication is effective. In these cases, deputies will need to employ reasonable and necessary force to overcome resistance and/or protect their own safety or the safety of others. When safe, under the totality of the circumstances, and when time and circumstances permit, deputies should use de-escalation tactics in order to reduce the need for force.

#### **300.4 Duty to Intervene:**

Any deputy present and observing another deputy using force that is clearly beyond that which is objectively reasonable under the circumstances shall, when in a position to do so, safely intercede to prevent the use of such excessive force. ~~Deputies shall promptly report these observations to a supervisor.~~ Any office member who observes another employee use force that exceeds the degree of force that is reasonable or permitted by law will promptly report these observations to a supervisor.

This order is effective immediately.

SHERIFF ADAM FORTNEY

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To SCDSA – June 16, 2020