

DEPARTMENTAL MANUAL



TRANSMITTAL SHEET

PART 446 DM 20	SUBJECT Law Enforcement and Security Law Enforcement Use of Force	RELEASE NUMBER 5060
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EXPLANATION OF MATERIAL TRANSMITTED:

Attached for review and surname is a proposed update to 446 DM 20 – *Use of Force*, formerly titled *Use of Deadly Force*. Please see the accompanying Note to Reviewers for instructions on returning your Assistant Secretary or Office Head or equivalent surname and any suggested edits or comments they have approved to the Office of the Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs.

The current version of the chapter is over 5-years old and does not address all uses of force. The proposed updated chapter is a significant policy update to the previous 2014 interim version and 2009 policy version. The updated chapter describes the governing legal framework, as guided by constitutional law, in determining the appropriateness of a particular use of force by DOI law enforcement officers (LEOs) in the performance of their duties and articulates additional guiding principles to which the Department will adhere. Further updates to this chapter include the duty of DOI LEOs to intervene if excessive force by another DOI LEO is observed, as well as the responsibility of DOI employees to report improper uses of force.

The revised updated chapter incorporates the following key changes:

1. Changes the name of the chapter from “Use of Deadly Force” to “Use of Force.”
2. Adds five key definitions.
3. Provides guidance based on the Fourth Amendment’s constitutional baseline for permissible use of force by LEOs and when prohibited.
4. Defines the use of force standard.
5. Incorporates Department principles to include de-escalation tactics and techniques.
6. Defines additional reporting requirements on improper use of force and the duty to intervene.
7. Addresses less-lethal force and less-lethal device requirements and considerations.

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