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Moraga Police Chief updates council on departmental procedures

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The policy of requiring officers to exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before using deadly force is not always possible, according to King. MPD's officers are trained to go to the most appropriate level of force for any particular situation. It is based on the totality of circumstances and reasonable officer standards.

The requirement of officers to intervene in order to prevent the use of unreasonable force by another officer is expected in the MPD.

Officers can shoot at a moving vehicle in Moraga "when an officer reasonably believes there are no other reasonable means available to avert the threat of the vehicle."

The Use-of-Force Continuum is outdated in that it implies that officers must use a lower level force option before using higher level ones. MPD officers are allowed to choose the appropriate level of force given the situation.

To require comprehensive reporting is a staple within MPD which requires internal reporting and notification for any use-of-force incidents.

"There's more communication going on right now with California police chiefs about best practices," stated King. He asks his officers to have respect for everyone, "I think that's how we have to do our jobs."

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