

EMPLOY THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

MAIB1035LP

Marine Corps Martial Arts Program¹

OVERVIEW

- Responsible Use of Force
- Temper and Intent
- Levels in the Continuum of Force
- Real World Scenarios



RESPONSIBLE USE OF FORCE

Mission of the Marine Corps

- Peacekeeping
- Humanitarian
- Domestic Leadership
- Evacuation
- Riot Control
- Patrolling
- Maintaining Law and Order

RESPONSIBLE USE OF FORCE

Moral Principles

- Service before self
- Equality
- Corps Values
 - Honor
 - Courage
 - Commitment

RESPONSIBLE USE OF FORCE

Deadly Force

- Death or serious bodily harm
- Risk of death or serious bodily harm
- Last Resort
- Lesser means have failed
- Circumstances prevent lesser means

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QUESTIONS?



TEMPER AND INTENT

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Temper

- A person's emotional state
- Physical behavior
 - Yelling / Crying
 - Nervousness / Calmness
 - Aggressiveness / Joyful

TEMPER AND INTENT

Intent

- A person's intended actions
- Physical behavior
 - Action oriented
 - Running, hitting
 - Carrying a weapon
 - Equipment, clothing

TEMPER AND INTENT

Assessing Temper and Intent

- Constantly assessing everyone
- Quickly determine the threat
- Focus on things out of the ordinary
- Always reevaluating and adjusting

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LEVELS IN THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

Five Levels

- Level 1: Compliant (cooperative)
- Level 2: Resistant (passive)
- Level 3: Resistant (active)
- Level 4: Assaultive (bodily harm)
- Level 5: Assaultive (serious bodily harm / death)

LEVELS IN THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

Level 1: Compliant (Cooperative)

- Behavior of subject
 - Obeying instructions
 - Majority of people will comply
- Response of Marine: verbal commands
 - Firmness, courtesy
 - Do not be overly aggressive
 - Escalate only if necessary

LEVELS IN THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

Level 2: Resistant (Passive)

- Behavior of subject
 - Refuse to obey verbal commands
 - No physical threat
- Response of Marine: contact controls
 - Short of physical force
 - Repeat verbal commands
 - Warning the subject
 - Authoritative posture

LEVELS IN THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

Level 3: Resistant (Active)

- Behavior of subject
 - Physical resistance
 - Continues to defy commands
 - Pulling away, shouting, struggling
- Response of Marine: compliance techniques
 - Come-along holds
 - Pain compliance
 - OC spray and Tasers (when issued)

LEVELS IN THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

Level 4: Assaultive (Bodily Harm)

- Behavior of subject
 - Physically attacking
 - Aggressive and combative
 - Striking, wrestling, biting
- Response of Marine: defensive tactics
 - Blocks, strikes, enhanced pain compliance
 - Baton strikes to soft tissue
 - No strikes to the head (deadly force)

LEVELS IN THE CONTINUUM OF FORCE

Level 5: Assaultive (Serious Bodily Harm / Death)

- Behavior of subject
 - Will kill someone if not immediately stopped
 - Usually has a weapon
- Response of Marine: deadly force
 - Firearm
 - Martial arts techniques



QUESTIONS?



REAL WORLD SCENARIOS

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Appropriate Response

- Avoid the situation
- Remove yourself from the situation
- Deescalate the situation
- Use the minimum force necessary

*Alcohol and emotions do not mix

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