



St. Anthony Police Department

We Support Policies that Prevent Excessive Force

The tragic death of George Floyd has caused our greater community to voice their concerns regarding police practices and policies. A campaign called 8 Can't Wait (8cantwait.org) has identified eight practices that can lead to 72 percent fewer police killings. In 2019, the St. Anthony Police Department reviewed and updated our entire policy manual, to include use of force. Department policy complies with all eight of the recommended policies. Training related to Fair and Impartial Policing, as well as Procedural Justice, was favorably received by police department staff and imbedded into our department policy manual and training programs. We conduct on-going training as it relates to use of force, de-escalation, crises intervention and communication.



Ban Chokeholds & Strangleholds

The use of a choke hold or carotid control is prohibited, except in the rare circumstance where deadly force is authorized (SAPD Policy #300.5.6).



Require De-Escalation

Whenever reasonable, officers shall use de-escalation tactics to gain voluntary compliance and seek to avoid or minimize use of physical force (SAPD Policy #300.3).



Require Warning Before Shooting

Prior to the use of *any* force, when reasonable under the circumstances, officers should verbally announce their intent to use force (SAPD Policy #300.5.4).



Exhaust All Means Before Shooting

It is required that officers use only that amount of force that reasonably appears necessary...to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose (SAPD Policy #300.5).



Duty to Intervene

Any officer present and observing another officer using unreasonable force, shall intervene. The officer should also report these observations to a supervisor (SAPD Policy #300.2.1).



Ban Shooting at Moving Vehicles

An officer should move out of the path of an approaching vehicle instead of discharging their firearm at the vehicle or any of its occupants (SAPD Policy #300.7.2).



Require Use of Force Continuum

Officers are trained on an ongoing basis on factors to determine the reasonableness of force. These factors are illustrated on a continuum that requires a continuous assessment to ensure that the use of force is objectively reasonable (SAPD Policy #300.5.3).



Require Comprehensive Reporting

Any use of force shall be documented promptly, completely, and accurately, to include an articulation of the factors perceived and why the use of force was reasonable. Additionally, a supervisor must be notified as soon as practicable, and every use of force incident must be reviewed by a supervisor (SAPD Policy #300.9).