



MILPITAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEN CAN THE POLICE USE FORCE –

and what happens when they do?

WHAT IS POLICE USE OF FORCE?



Verbal



Electronic



Physical



Chemical



Impact



Firearm

WHY DO POLICE USE FORCE?

Force is typically used to:

1. Establish control in a situation
2. Protect others or self
3. Make an arrest

Facts unknown to the police at the time of incident and an officer's intent or motivation are not considered in determining reasonableness.

WHAT FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE “REASONABLENESS” OF ALL FORCE USED BY THE POLICE?



Severity of crime at issue



Does subject pose an immediate threat to the officer or others?



Is the subject resisting arrest or attempting to flee?



Mental health of subject



Availability of less-lethal options



Objective facts of the incident