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Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4 Position on National Police Reform Initiatives

As representatives of the Baltimore County Police Department, you and your fellow officers continue to demonstrate professionalism and dedication to serving our County. We hear the voices of politicians, protesters and many others who are calling for change in policing across the country. As leadership of the Baltimore County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #4, we stand ready to assist and engage in those conversations. Part of the conversation must be us. It is our responsibility to educate the public about the policies and procedures we have in place to ensure they know their safety has always been of top-priority. Below, please find information that exhibits how Baltimore County Police Department's policies already align with the **"Eight Can't Wait" police reform list**. To view the list, visit www.8cantwait.org.

The Baltimore County Police Department is an accredited agency through the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

1. Ban chokeholds and strangleholds
Response: The members of the Baltimore County Police Department do not intentionally use chokeholds except in situations where it is objectively reasonable under the totality of the circumstances to use deadly force.
2. Require de-escalation
Response: De-escalation training is one of the primary focuses at the training academy. All of our officers receive ongoing de-escalation training in both classroom and scenario-based situations.
3. Require officers to give verbal warning before shooting
Response: Baltimore County Police Officers are trained to give a verbal command or warnings before shooting whenever possible.
4. Requires officers exhaust all alternatives, including non-force or less lethal before shooting
Response: All Baltimore County Police Officers are trained to recognize the sanctity of life, constitutional policing, de-escalation and explore other alternatives to deadly force when appropriate before resorting to deadly force. Deadly force may only be used when necessary and all uses of force must be reasonable based on the totality of the circumstances.



5. Duty to Intervene and report

Response: All Baltimore County Police Officers have a duty to intervene, stop, prevent, and report any act that violates law or policy. This includes excessive force. Failure to intervene and report may result in disciplinary action.

6. Ban shooting at moving vehicles

Response: Baltimore County police officers may not shoot at a moving vehicle unless the vehicle is being used as lethal force against the officer or another person. Even then officers must only do so as a last resort.

7. Require use of force continuum

Our members are trained and re-trained in the areas of constitutional policing, the sanctity of life and the lawful use of force. Officers may use force only when necessary and all uses of force must be reasonable based on the totality of the circumstances.

8. Require comprehensive reporting

Response: Baltimore County Police Officers activate body cameras on virtually every contact with the public. They document every use of force, traffic stop, arrest, search and write reports for all reported crimes.

Please share this information to help us build meaningful relationships with the communities we serve. Through open communication and constructive dialogue, our residents will be able to see that we hear their voices. Even more, our communities will recognize that Baltimore County Police Department prioritizes comprehensive reviews of all our policies to be in line with national, accredited best practices. To stay updated on issues impacting our members, visit www.foplpdgc4.org and follow our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram profiles.

Fraternally,

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