

RECOMMENDATION 102215-4a

Directive 1010.00, Use of Force: Modifies a portion of Recommendation # 102215-4 to add an intent element to when deadly force may be used.

FULL TEXT:

The COAB has approved Recommendation # 102215-4 which contains revisions to PPB Directive 1010.00, Use of Force. The recommendation contains a detailed prohibition against the use of deadly force except in very limited, extraordinary circumstances.

This recommendation would modify a portion of Recommendation # 102215-4 to add an intent element to when deadly force may be used. The modification to the relevant portion of the previously approved recommendation is contained in the addition of paragraph c. as set forth in italics below.

“Deadly force may only be used in circumstances where the threat of death or serious physical injury to an officer or others is immediate. A danger is immediate only when an objectively reasonable officer would believe that:

- a. The suspect has the means or instrumentalities to do so;
- b. The suspect has the opportunity and ability to use the means or instrumentalities to cause death or serious physical injury; and
- c. The suspect is acting or threatening to use the available means or instrumentalities to cause death or serious physical injury.