



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION**  
**Police Officer Standards and Training Council**  
**Connecticut Police Academy**

**GENERAL NOTICE 21-07**

**To:** Chief Law Enforcement Officers  
Training Officers  
Protective Services  
Resident Troopers

**From:** Karen Boisvert   
Academy Administrator

**Date:** September 21, 2021

**Subject:** Use of Force POSTC Model Policy Revised 9/14/21

At the September 16, 2021 regular meeting, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council approved the following changes to the Use of Force Model Policy. The changes are located on pages 7 & 10; both areas have been italicized for easy identification and are listed below. A Word version of the updated policy is located on the POST website under Latest News and/or Featured Links. Use of Force Policy update 9-14-21 Link.

**Page 7:** The paragraph below was added under D. Restrictions on the Use of Physical Force

*(1) "The intentional use of a chokehold or neck restraint. Including but not limited to: (1). Arm bar hold, (2). Carotid artery hold, (3). Lateral vascular neck restraint, (4). Neck restraint or hold with a knee or other object is prohibited. The use of a choke hold or neck restraint may only be used when the use of deadly physical force is necessary".*

**Page 10:** The word illegal was added to the paragraph:

"The department shall document and maintain a record of any incident in which an officer reports or is aware of an unreasonable, excessive, or **illegal** use of force as specified in this policy. This record shall include, at minimum, the name of the officer(s) involved; the date, time, and location of the incident; a description of the circumstances; and the names of any victims and witnesses present, if known".

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention either by e-mail [karen.boisvert@ct.gov](mailto:karen.boisvert@ct.gov) or phone 203-427-2601.

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