

	<b>Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection</b>	
	<b>Administration and Operations Manual</b>	
<b>A&amp;O Section # 13.04.01</b>	<i>Subject:</i> <b>Weapons, Firearms and Use of Force – General Policy Statement</b>	<i>Revision Date:</i> <b>April 8, 2019</b>
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**A. POLICY**

(1) **Temporary reassignment during investigations** (CALEA 4.2.3)

Any trooper, sworn officer, auxiliary trooper, town police officer serving under state police jurisdiction in the Resident Trooper Program, or civilian acting in an official capacity (“employee”), whose action(s) or use of force in an official capacity results in death or serious physical injury to another person shall be assigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of a Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) administrative review of his/her action(s).

- (a) For shooting incidents, refer to A&O Manual § 13.4.6.

**B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS** (CALEA 4.1.1 and 4.1.4)

(1) **Knowledge of the law shall be current**

Each employee shall be knowledgeable about current state and federal laws and DESPP policy regarding the use of force.

(2) **Shall not exceed legal authority**

An employee shall not exceed the scope and authority of applicable laws or policy regarding the use of force.

(3) **Obligation to perform duties**

Each employee shall properly perform his/her required duties regarding the lawful use of force.

(4) **Prerequisites to Carrying Weapons and Using Force** (CALEA 4.3.4)

- (a) A trooper may use various weapons / less than lethal weapons within the scope of his or her Connecticut State Police duties only after receiving all the requisite training to include:

1. Initial training and demonstrated proficiency with the weapon or technique.
2. A copy of the policy that addresses the use of the weapon or technique.
3. Training on the policy that addresses the use of the weapon or technique.

- (b) Such policy receipts and curriculum delivery shall be documented utilizing form DESPP-5500-C, Use of Force Policy and Procedures Acknowledgement form, and/or by any other method as determined by the Commander of the State Police Training Academy.

**C. MEDICAL AID SHALL BE RENDERED** (CALEA 4.1.5)

- (1) Appropriate medical aid shall be rendered as soon as it is safe and practical to do so whenever an injury results from the use of deadly force, non-deadly force, or other incidents involving serious physical injury or death by an employee.
- (2) Appropriate medical aid may include, but is not limited to:
  - (a) Increased observation of the subject to detect obvious changes in condition;
  - (b) Render emergency care, rescue, and/or first aid to the extent of employee's training and/or certification;
  - (c) Assist in flushing chemical agents from the subject's eyes;
  - (d) Secure the scene to protect the subject from any further injury;
  - (e) Evaluation by paramedics; and
  - (f) Aid by medical professionals, as applicable.