

RECOMMENDATION SUBMISSION AND RESPONSE FORM

2020 Discipline and Accountability #14

DISCUSSED BY SCPRC		APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED	X	PENDING FURTHER REVIEW	
RECEIVED BY SPD	02/08/2021	APPROVED AND PENDING		SPD UNABLE TO IMPLEMENT	
RETURNED TO SCPRC		PARTIAL IMPLEMENTATION		DENIED	

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION

E. CHANGES TO EXISTING POLICY PROPOSAL(S):

1. In concurrence with the CA Attorney General's office's SPD 2020 investigation report, the Commission recommends that SPD should amend its UOF policy to include written language that carotid restrain holds are expressly prohibited and use of such hold will result in disciplinary action.

- i. Suggested policy language: "No officer shall cut off a person's ability to breathe, either by way of a choke hold, a carotid artery choke hold, knee, or any other part of an officer's body that creates a grip around a person's neck that cuts off breathing; or use of any control hold technique by an officer to restrain a person where the officer's act restricts breathing, or has the possibility of restricting breathing, or the possibility of cutting of blood flow to the brain. This is a zero-tolerance policy and violation of shall result in termination."

SCPRC RECOMMENDATION RATIONALE

N/A

SPD RESPONSE

Sacramento City Council Meeting (Item #2) on 06/01/2021, presented by Deputy Chief Lester:

- 2:30 PM City Council (Special Meeting): <https://sacramento.granicus.com/player/clip/4964>
 - Minute Marker: 57:18
- Staff Report: https://sacramento.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=21&meta_id=631887
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The language has been adopted and is part of the Department's Use of Force Policy.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS

N/A

APPENDIX

Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB1196 into law on September 30, 2020, which prohibits chokeholds and carotid restrains from being taught or sanctioned as an authorized use of force in California.