

Greene County Sheriff's Office

Subject: CHOKEHOLDS AND SIMILAR RESTRAINTS		Policy 184
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DEFINITION:

Chokeholds or similar restraints: A chokehold shall include, but is not limited to, any intentional direct pressure to the throat or windpipe which may prevent, obstruct or hinder breathing or blood flow.

POLICY:

- A chokehold or similar restraint is prohibited for use solely for the purpose of gaining compliance.
- A chokehold or a similar restraint shall be considered deadly physical force as defined by Article 10 of the New York State Penal Law. In any situation where a Deputy is otherwise acting lawfully, the use of deadly physical force is justified in the defense of a Deputy's life or a citizen's life whenever the Deputy reasonably believes that deadly physical force is necessary to prevent or terminate deadly physical force towards that Deputy or another person. A chokehold or similar restraint is prohibited for use solely for the purpose of gaining compliance.
- Every Deputy, who under color of authority and without lawful necessity, intentionally or recklessly provides pressure to the throat or windpipe, which may prevent, obstruct or hinder breathing or blood flow of any person, may be guilty of a felony as provided by law.
- Any GCSO member that violates this policy may be subject to discipline as set forth in the GCSO Policy & Procedure.