

**WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION GROUP**  
*Challenging Wisconsin's Law Enforcement Agencies to Pursue Excellence*



U.S. Department of Justice's Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Communities.

January 19, 2021

Dear Chief Don Jensen,

On behalf of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group, this letter confirms we are certifying that the Town of East Troy Police Department meets certain eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants. The Town of East Troy Police Department is qualified to receive federal grants for three years from the date of this letter.

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, dated June 16, 2020, Executive Order No. 13929 (the "Executive Order on Safe Policing"), the U.S. Department of Justice's discretionary grant funding is only available to state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies that have obtained (or are in the process of seeking) credentials certifying that they meet certain standards on use of force. The Executive Order on Safe Policing empowers the U.S. Attorney General to designate independent credentialing bodies — including the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group — to certify that a law enforcement agency meets the conditions of eligibility for federal grants.

Following our review, we have determined that the Town of East Troy Police Department meets the mandatory conditions for certification. Accordingly, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group will include your agency going forward within our database of certified law enforcement agencies. On or before January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, we will provide the name of each certified law enforcement agency to the Director of the COPS Office.

If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me either by email at [m.ferguson@glendalewi.gov](mailto:m.ferguson@glendalewi.gov) or by phone at (414) 228-1753.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Ferguson".

Chief Mark Ferguson, Glendale Police Department



# Use of Force Policy Certification

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The Assessor is to review all relevant policies to determine compliance with the below listed mandatory requirements.

**The Agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws.**

*Context*

*Compliance can be achieved by incorporating the above language into policy. If language is not present the assessor can find compliance if there are no procedures in their policy that would be in violation of the law, such as having procedures in violation of Graham v Connor, procedures in conflict with the Wisconsin DAAT Manual, etc.*

In Compliance  Not in Compliance

**The Agency maintains use-of-force policies that prohibit the use of choke holds, except in those situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law.**

*Context*

*Policy must include a prohibition of chokeholds for compliance. The agency may elect to allow the exception for chokeholds in those situations where the use of deadly force is justified by law, or to ban chokeholds completely. Agencies choosing to maintain the use of a Vascular Neck Restraint as a force option must clearly identify the differences between a Choke Hold and a Vascular Neck Restraint in their policy and address any procedures, restrictions, or limitations on the use of the Vascular Neck Restraint.*

*Choke Hold – A physical maneuver that restricts an individual's ability to breathe for the purposes of incapacitation.*

*Vascular Neck Restraint – A technique that can be used to incapacitate individuals by restricting the flow of blood to their brain.*

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### Findings of Non-Compliance

The Assessor is to document reasons for non-compliance in the space below.
