

MILFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milford, Delaware 19963

POLICY

4227

USE OF FORCE

Purpose

The Milford School District has a paramount duty to take all reasonable steps to protect the safety of students. To this end, and in light of the tragic incidents involving active shooters at schools, the District will employ safety monitors who possess the training and experience to be commissioned as constables by the Delaware Board of Examiners of Constables.

Use of Deadly Force

1. Constables may use deadly force in self-defense, or defense of others, from imminent death or serious bodily injury. Constables shall not use deadly force to protect property.
2. Prior to discharging a firearm, constables shall, where safely possible, identify themselves and state their intent to shoot.
3. Constables shall not draw or exhibit their firearms unless there is reasonable cause to believe it may be necessary to use the weapon consistent with this policy.
4. Constables shall not fire into crowds.

Use of Non-Deadly Force

Where deadly force is not appropriate, constables shall use that level of force reasonably necessary to de-escalate the situation, and bring it under control.

Custodial Detention

If a person engages in criminal activity, constables may exercise custodial detention over the person and notify the Delaware State Police or the Milford Police Department. It shall be responsibility of the Delaware State Police or the Milford Police Department to undertake any necessary investigation, and to comply with the reporting requirements of State Bureau of Identification.

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