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Use of Force continuum images present an overly simplistic approach to the thought process that officers need to have in order to make effective decisions in real time. These images challenge and detract from the effective decision making by officers when they are confronted with resistance. Departments should be encouraging officers through contemporary policies and better training that helps to evaluate issues with decision making methods, such as proper tactics, communication skills,

and de-escalation tactics, rather than a stair stepping methodology. We all like new and shiny ways to address problems, but we have been down this road, and it is a dead end. Make sure you are educated about the pros and cons of a continuum before you make this important decision for your department's policy

Additional Resources:

- [Use of Force Continuum – Seriously?? What is old is now new and what is new is clearly broken...](#)
- [The Use of Force Paradigm for Enforcement and Corrections](#)
- [Teaching 4th Amendment-Based Use-of-Force](#)

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