ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
USE OF FORCE—CONTINUUM MATRIX

This matrix should be viewed as if it were a series of elevators, and not as ladders or steps. Officers may go to any level of the Continuum, provided that the force selected is reasonable in comparison with the actions of the subject.

OFFICER'S OPTIONS IN RESPONSE TO:

NO FORCE LEVEL	COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUE LEVEL	INTERMEDIATE FORCE LEVEL	LETHAL FORCE LEVEL
			FIREARMS & ANY FORCE LIKELY TO CAUSE DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY
		K-9, ELEC DISCHARGE WEAPONS CAROTID RESTRAINT, BATON & SHORT BILLIE, MACE, O/C SPRAY & CHEMICAL AGENTS	**K-9, ELEC DISCHARGE WEAPONS CAROTID RESTRAINT, BATON & SHORT BILLIE, MACE, O/C SPRAY & CHEMICAL AGENTS**
	JOINT MANIPULATION, PRESSURE POINT APPLICATION, UNARMED STRIKING & TAKE DOWN TECHNIQUES	**JOINT MANIPULATION, PRESSURE POINT APPLICATION, UNARMED STRIKING & TAKE DOWN TECHNIQUES**	**JOINT MANIPULATION, PRESSURE POINT APPLICATION, UNARMED STRIKING & TAKE DOWN TECHNIQUES**
PROFESSIONAL PRESENCE, VERBALIZATION, RESTRAINING, DETAINING & HANDCUFFING	**PROFESSIONAL PRESENCE, VERBALIZATION, RESTRAINING, DETAINING & HANDCUFFING**	**PROFESSIONAL PRESENCE, VERBALIZATION, RESTRAINING, DETAINING & HANDCUFFING**	**PROFESSIONAL PRESENCE, VERBALIZATION, RESTRAINING, DETAINING & HANDCUFFING**
COOPERATIVE	PASSIVE OR LOW LEVEL RESISTANCE	ACTIVE RESISTANCE OR ASSUALTIVE BEHAVIOR	LIFE THREATENING ASSAULT, OR ASSAULT LIKELY TO CAUSE GREAT BODILY HARM

ACTIONS OF THE SUBJECT