

# Ontario Use of Force Model (2004)



The officer continuously assesses the situation and selects the most reasonable option relative to those circumstances as perceived at that point in time.

## SITUATION

- Environment
- Number of Subjects
- Perceived Subjects' Abilities
- Knowledge of Subject
- Time and Distance
- Potential Attack Signs

## PERCEPTION

- Strength/Overall Fitness
- Personal Experience
- Skill/Ability/Training
- Fears
- Gender
- Fatigue
- Injuries
- Critical Incident Stress Symptoms
- Cultural Background
- Sight/Vision

## TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Disengage & Consequences
- Officer Appearance
- Uniform & Equipment
- Number of Officers
- Availability of Backup
- Availability of Cover
- Command Post Etc.
- Geographic Considerations
- Practicality of Containment, Distance & Communications
- Agency Policies & Guidelines
- Availability of Special Units & Equipment: Canine, Tactically Trained Dog, Helicopter, Crowd Management Unit

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