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Interim Directive

DATE: 06/11/2020
TO: All GVPD Staff
FROM: Alex Gammelgard, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Interim Directive – Policy 300.3.4 (Carotid Control Hold)

BACKGROUND

This week, California's Governor Newsom directed the California Peace Officer Standards and Training (CA POST) to discontinue training and certifying the Carotid Control Hold. Further, many California law enforcement agencies are either placing a moratorium on the use of Carotid Control Hold or discontinuing its use altogether. Legislation in California and at the federal level is currently being considered to make the Carotid Control Hold illegal for use by peace officers, and there will likely soon be laws placing restrictions or a prohibition on the practice.

Given the current prevailing circumstances regarding police use of force across our nation, the Grass Valley Police Department will place a moratorium on the practice of using the Carotid Control Hold until such time there are more specific state or federal laws passed regarding the use of the technique. This is in the best interest of department members and the public we serve.

DIRECTIVE

Effective immediately, and until further notice or policy adoption, all Department members are directed not to use the Carotid Control Hold as described in GVPD Use of Force Policy #300, subsection 300.3.4 (Carotid Control Hold), except if immediately necessary in defense of human life.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex K Gammelgard".

ALEXANDER K. GAMMELGARD

Chief of Police

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