

Metropolitan Police Department

Decision Making Model



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Threat Assessment Observation should include the subject's:

- *Emotional state.*
- *Resistive Tension.*
- *Early warning signs.*
- *Pre-attack postures or Gestures.*
- *Access to a Weapon.*
- *Apparent willingness to sustain injury.*



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Use of Force Framework



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Resistance and response are dynamic. The subject's behavior and the use of force to control it may escalate or de-escalate during any given altercation until complete control of the subject is achieved.

Immediately summon emergency medical assistance and render first aid as soon as the scene is safe.

