



Village of Endeavor Police Department

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* Reference Wisconsin State Statute 175.44(1)-(5)

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers with guidelines for the use of contact officer overrides.

501-C Duty to Intervene / Contact Override

Affirmative Duty to Intervene - It is the policy of this law enforcement agency to comply with WI State Statute 175.44 (1)-(5), and to set forth the legal, ethical, and affirmative duty of all personnel to intervene and / or conduct overrides to prevent or stop misconduct and / or other problematic behavior by other officers. The goal is to reduce harm to others and protect the integrity of the Endeavor Police Department.

A failure to intervene in any unreasonable use of force may violate WI State Statute 174.44 (1)-(5), this policy, and demonstrates a lack of courage on part of the law enforcement officer. Ethical policing is defined to be courageous in both action and deed. In preventing or stopping misconduct, the integrity of the police department is upheld, and a culture of accountability is promoted.

Any officer who observes another officer's application of use of force to be beyond what is *objectively reasonable* under the circumstances in which it is applied, shall reasonably attempt to intervene, if it is safe to do so, to prevent the use of excessive force. A failure to intervene in any unreasonable use of force or failure to report such unreasonable force may violate WI State Statute 175.44 (1)-(5), demonstrates a lack of courage on part of the officer, and is a violation of this policy. Failure to intervene will result in discipline, up to and including termination. In addition, all officers have a duty to intervene / report if contact officers are behaving inappropriately, performing misconduct, or not handling the situation effectively / professionally.

Duty to Report – This policy requires all officers, if required to intervene or have observed an unreasonable use of force situation, to include inappropriate behavior and misconduct, are to report the circumstances to a supervisory officer. Further, all actions taken, or observations made are to be documented in a TRACs Incident Report. Such report is to be submitted to the Chief of Police for review of department policies, and if appropriate, will be submitted to the District Attorney's Office for review for violations of relevant state statutes.