



Category: COMMUNITY SAFETY

Subject: Bylaw Enforcement Officer Procedures Policy

Purpose

While the City always seeks voluntary compliance as a first objective, bylaw enforcement officers may be placed in situations where they risk their personal safety or the safety of others and are required to engage in an escalating manner. This policy provides direction to protect bylaw enforcement officers, minimize the use of force and immunize the City from liability exposure.

Scope

This policy applies to those designated as City of Penticton Bylaw Enforcement Officers (excluding members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police).

Policy Statement

When bylaw enforcement officers encounter a suspect of regulatory obstruction (SRO), persuasion and conflict resolution skills should be applied as a first resort and escalation to use force should be a last resort in the case where personal safety or safety of others is at risk.

Bylaw enforcement officers dealing with SROs should take the following steps:

1. Identify yourself as a peace officer and your bylaw authority;
2. Outline/educate the bylaw contravention, provide alternative options (make referral to a service or community resource where applicable);
3. Request voluntary compliance;
4. If the SRO becomes aggressive, diffuse or attempt to disengage from the situation;
5. If the SRO persists or continues to destabilize the situation, back away and call the RCMP;
6. If you are attacked or physically threatened, protect yourself and others with the skills or defensive equipment of which you have been trained; and
7. Complete the Use of Force Incident Report.

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