

3.00.020 RAMMING/FORCING VEHICLES OFF ROADWAY

(CALEA 41.2.2)

Ramming or forcing vehicles off the roadway is to be considered use of potentially deadly force. An officer may use a police vehicle to ram another vehicle only to:

- ❖ Effect the arrest and/or prevent the escape of a person who the officer has probable cause to believe has committed a dangerous felony or poses an immediate, real threat of death or serious bodily harm to others and when not securing the person's immediate apprehension would result in an unacceptable risk to public or officer safety and when any other available means to obtain custody would be ineffective. Always remember, if at all in doubt, do not ram.
- ❖ Protect the person of one's self or another from the imminent threat of death or serious injury.

Officers operating a police motorcycle are prohibited from ramming any vehicle.

While pursuing another motorcycle, officers will not attempt to dislodge the rider by any means.