



Date: June 9, 2020
To: WATCH REPORT
From: Robert G. Luna, Chief of Police
Subject: **SPECIAL ORDER - IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION AND STUDY OF THE CAROTID RESTRAINT**

Effective immediately, this Special Order establishes policy suspending the use of the Carotid Restraint.

The Long Beach Police Department currently prohibits the use of “choke holds” as a neck restraint to overcome resistance **under any circumstances**. We are updating our policy language to expressly prohibit all types of “choke holds” and we are immediately suspending the use of the carotid restraint as an authorized restraint hold.

Department Use of Force experts will work with city partners, including the Fire Department, to explore optional methods in dealing with dangerous or violent subjects. This will include a protocol for a joint police and fire response to involve administering a chemical restraint in order to deescalate violent situations and limit injuries to officers and suspects. In addition, we will review and evaluate regional data and science associated with the use of the carotid restraint as an authorized non-lethal control technique.

Any questions regarding this Special Order can be directed to the Office of the Assistant Chief of Police, at 570-7529.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
SUSPENSION OF THE USE OF THE CAROTID RESTRAINT HOLD

Approved: R. Luna

Date: 6.9.20