



The Greenville Police Department requires officers to exhaust all other reasonable alternatives before resorting to using deadly force.

GPD policy (4.1.1) states "A police officer may use deadly force only when that officer reasonably believes that the action is in defense of human life, including the officer's own life, or in the defense of any person, including him or herself, in immediate, imminent danger of serious bodily injury. A police officer will apply deadly force under these circumstances only as a last resort, and where practicable, will first give a verbal warning. Excessive use of any type of force will not be tolerated."