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| Kent PD | WASPC | Title |
| #3.120 | N/A | Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint |

The Kent Police Department recognizes the use of approved neck restraint techniques as an effective method for establishing restraint and control of resistive people. The level of application for any neck restraint technique is guided by the degree of resistance offered by the subject toward the police or public in the moments leading to the application. This policy addresses the use of the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR) as the only neck restraint technique approved by the department.

LVNR Level 1 - Using minimum contact/compression and restraint, this technique does not produce unconsciousness. It would be considered a non-deadly, minimal use of force.

LVNR Level 2 - Using moderate compression and restraint, this technique does not produce unconsciousness. It would be considered a non-deadly, minimal use of force

LVNR Level 3 - Using maximum compression and restraint, this level may produce unconsciousness. It would be considered a non-deadly, intermediate use of force.

With every application of LVNR, officers are required to provide the appropriate medical aid to any person reporting an injury or observed as injured. Officers will request an aid car to examine the injured party. If the subject has been rendered unconscious to any degree, the officer will request an aid car and notify an on duty supervisor. The medical responders will determine if further medical treatment is needed to include a medic response.

All persons who have been rendered unconscious to any degree through the use of LVNR will remain under the constant observation of KPD staff until relieved by Fire Department personnel. This observation will be maintained by an officer familiar with the circumstances involving the LVNR application or another department member for at least two (2) hours.

Any application of LVNR will be documented in a Use of Force report and a police case report. The use of a physical restraint technique that compresses the airway may, under the circumstances, be considered a use of deadly force.

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Training

The Chief of Police has mandated that all sworn officers, including new hires (recruits and laterals), be initially certified in LVNR by attending and successfully completing an eight hour certification course. Successful completion of the eight hour certification course is the authorization for an officer to utilize this technique for one year. After the initial LVNR certification, patrol officers will remain certified by taking an annual recertification course (four hour course) or they may become decertified in the use of LVNR.

Every LVNR certified officer will be scheduled for an annual four hour recertification course. If this training is missed the following process will be implemented:

1. Training sergeant will notify officer and officer’s supervisor of missed training and that the officer is not authorized to use the LVNR. The notification may be done in e-mail or by hard copy.
2. To be recertified, officer must complete 4 hour recertification course.
3. Once the recertification has taken place, the officer will be authorized to use the LVNR. Notification will be sent to the officer’s supervisor via e-mail or hard copy.
4. The officer’s training records will be updated to note the recertification training.
5. Any use of the LVNR by an officer while their status is unauthorized may be treated as a policy violation.

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