

Fig. 3. The English Version of the Use-of-Force Framework

The National Use-of-Force Framework for Police Officers in Canada

What follows is an abbreviated description of the key components of the national use-of-force framework. The framework includes a graphical representation of the various elements involved in the process by which a police officer assesses a situation and acts in a reasonable manner to ensure officer and public safety. The framework helps officers and the public understand how and why an officer may respond with force.

As an aid to training, the framework promotes continuous critical assessment and evaluation of each situation and helps officers understand and make use of a variety of force options to respond to potentially violent situations. The National

