

Caring For Our Community



Every member of the Brentwood Police Department strives to be compassionate and responsive to the needs, rights, and expectations of all citizens. Our officers are committed to continuing a community partnership through excellence in law enforcement and community service. Our values and actions are driven by our core values of integrity, honesty, professionalism, respect, and compassion in the performance of all duties.

A Comprehensive Look at the Brentwood Police Department

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Chokehold & Strangleholds

Chokeholds are prohibited by Tennessee state law except when the use of deadly force is justified.

The Brentwood Police Department follows state law.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons)

De-Escalation

All Brentwood Officers are trained in de-escalation techniques.

The Brentwood Police Department trains on crisis intervention and de-escalation communication practices in concert with a non-deadly force philosophy in dealing with potentially violent confrontations. Brentwood Police Department policy requires officers to only use the amount of force necessary when accomplishing lawful objections such as making an arrest, controlling a situation, or protecting citizens or themselves.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons, General Order #4-3A Conducted Electrical Weapons, & General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)

“The Brentwood Police Department consists of compassionate men and women committed to treating every person they encounter with respect. With servant hearts, we strive to make Brentwood a safe and desirable place to live, work and raise your family.”

- CHIEF JEFF HUGHES

Issue Warning Before Shooting

When feasible, Brentwood Police Officers are required to identify themselves as police and provide a warning that deadly force will be used.

(General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)

Exhaust All Alternatives Before Shooting

It is the policy of the Brentwood Police Department that officers exhaust all reasonable means before resorting to the use of deadly force.

Officers will employ only the degree of force necessary and reasonable to accomplish lawful objectives. In determining which force option is necessary, officers will consider the seriousness of the offense, the immediate threat to the public, the suspect, or the officer.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons, General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force, & General Order #7-3 Rules and Regulations)





Duty to Intervene

The Brentwood Police Department requires all officers who view excessive force or other injustices to intervene and report their observations to their supervisor immediately.

(General Order #7-3 Rules and Regulations #55 and #57)

Shooting at Moving Vehicles

The Brentwood Police Department policy permits shooting at moving vehicles when the use of deadly force is justified. The use of deadly force is a last resort. Firing at a vehicle may be necessary to protect the public from harm, for example, at a large crowded event.

(General Order #4-5 Use of Firearms/Deadly Force)



Use of Force Continuum

The Brentwood Police Department policy specifies force options and requires officers to use only the degree of force necessary in order to accomplish lawful objectives.

(General Order #4-3 Use of Force/Use of Less Lethal Weapons)

Comprehensive Reporting

The Brentwood Police Department requires officers to document incidents involving use of force and be reviewed by supervisors. Each year, the department also analyzes incidents involving all use of force, policies, and practices.

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