TAKOMA PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM

Subject's Actions	Resistance Category	Officer's Response
Assault with lethal weapon Attempt to disarm officer Life threatening weaponless assault	**Deadly Resistant** 	Deadly Force (Firearms or other Lethal Weapons)
Physically offensive or assaultive	**Aggressive Resistant** 	Less-Lethal Weaponry (ECD//Taser, Impact Weapon) Physical Strikes
Physically defensive to avoid officer's physical control Flight from lawful arrest for crimes of violence/ felonies	**Active Resistant** 	Takedown Techniques Threat of Force Police K-9
Non- compliance with verbal commands or direction Flight from lawful arrest for nonviolent misdemeanors	**Passive Resistant** 	Hand Control Techniques Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) *
Compliant with verbal commands and directions	**Compliant** 	Officer's Presence Verbal commands

NB: The list of officer responses is not intended to be in any specific order, but reflective options to the amount of resistence encountered. The officer will choose the necessary response to gain control of the situation based on departmental policy, his/her physical capabilities, perception, training and experience.

Officer/Subject Factors: Age; Sex; Size; Skill Level; Relative Strength; Multiple Subjects/Officers.

Special Circumstances: Closeness of a Weapon; Injury or Exhaustion; Being on the Ground; Distance from Subject; Special Knowledge; Availability of Other Options; Conduct of Subject; Influence of Alcohol/Drugs.

*OC might not be an appropriate alternative in this category, particularly if the resistance is peaceful or simply a non-threatening failure to comply with direction. Generally speaking, the use of OC might be suitable if the officer can articulate circumstances presenting an unacceptable vulnerability due to the resistance.