

Commissioner Julian Jefferson is asking the Commission to adopt the following proposals to help solidify, and in some cases rebuild, trust between the community and law enforcement:

Proposal #1: It is recommended that the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, Legislature, statewide police training institutions, NH Association of Chiefs of Police, and all law enforcement agencies in our State: adopt, effectuate, and legislate the following policy-

It shall be the policy of all law enforcement agencies in this State that officers use only the force that reasonably appears necessary to effectively bring an incident under control, while protecting the lives of the officer and others. The officer must only use that force which a reasonably prudent officer would use under the same or similar circumstances. All officers must intervene, as soon as possible, and protect any person who is being subjected to excessive force by any other officer. Officers will report any excessive use of force to the appropriate department authority.

Proposal #2: It is recommended that the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, Legislature, statewide police training institutions, NH Association of Chiefs of Police, and all law enforcement agencies in our State: adopt, effectuate, and legislate the following policy-

*It shall be the policy of all law enforcement agencies in this State that the following techniques are **prohibited** when subduing or handcuffing suspects:*

- Restraining and laying suspect prone in any environment*
- Choke holds or knee across suspect's neck. This rule is subject to an officer's justified use of deadly force.*

Proposal #3: It is recommended that the Governor's Office, Attorney General's Office, Legislature, statewide police training institutions, NH Association of Chiefs of Police, and all law enforcement agencies in our State: adopt, effectuate, and legislate the following policy-

*It shall be the policy of all law enforcement agencies in this State that any officer who knows that another officer has committed any act that raises a substantial question as to that officer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an officer in any other respect, **shall inform** the appropriate official charged with investigating police misconduct.*

Failure of an officer to report such misconduct amounts to misconduct that will subject an officer to potential discipline.

These policies will continue to foster a culture in law enforcement that will prevent situations that can be dangerous and life threatening to human life. A rare, or low frequency event, that has the potential for deadly and life-threatening consequences must be carefully and deliberately guarded against; these proposals above do just that.