WEST NORRITON TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1.8.4 DUTY TO INTERVENE

A. Duty to Intervene

1. When in a position to do so, any West Norriton Township Police Department employee shall intervene when they know or have reason to know that another officer is about to use, or is using, excessive or unjustified force or other conduct that would be in violation of department policies, would be criminal conduct or would be unconstitutional behavior.

2. Officers shall promptly submit a written report any instance of excessive or unjustified force, violation of department policies, criminal conduct or unconstitutional behavior and their own efforts to intervene immediately to a supervisor and/or the Chief of Police.

B. Failure to Act

1. Officers are restricted to using only force that is necessary and reasonable, but officers shall not avoid using force, including deadly force, if failure to do so unnecessarily endangers the safety of themselves or others.