CONTROL & SEARCH PROTOCOLS

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- Decision to use a control hold is based on totality of circumstance and perceived threat/resistance
- Control holds are not appropriate response to an attack
- Twist lock turns wrist to cumulatively lock all the joints in a given arm
- Twist lock does not permit a high level of control or restriction on subject's mobility

REAR WRIST LOCK & TWIST LOCK

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- REMEMBER: If you have them at arm's length, you are within their reach / target as well.
- Rear wrist lock offers higher level of positive control
- Goose neck wrist lock behind the subject's back offers pain compliance control of subject as well
- Without the goose neck, this is just an arm bar. Would offer good control but not as much pain compliance.

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PROPER SEARCHING

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- ▶ Never search with the expectation of NOT finding something.
- ▶ ALWAYS assume you will find something - even after you've found something
- ▶ Handcuff PRIOR to searching.

PROPER SEARCHING

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- ▶ Empty all pockets
- ▶ Remove all detached property to include belts, etc.
- ▶ DO NOT handcuff in the front - the handcuffs can be used as a weapon
- ▶ ALWAYS search any arrested subject you are taking control of.
- ▶ A second search is never a bad thing.

PROPER SEARCHING

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▶ Building Searches - Never take anything for granted. Subjects can hide in places that are "far too small."

▶ Never assume you've found all there is to find. Search until there is nowhere left to search

▶ Search expecting to find.

▶ Search as if you're betting your life on the results - because you may be.

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SECURING FOUND WEAPONS

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▶ What is the risk from the weapon/subject? Already handcuffed?

▶ Cursory search / "pat down" / weapon found??!!

▶ DO NOT be so eager to search that you sacrifice safety

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- If searching UNhandcuffed subject and detect weapon - arrest? verbalize?
- Cooperative subject DOES NOT mean no threat
- UNcooperative and armed equals potentially lethal force demanding immediate response

SECURING FOUND WEAPONS

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- If possible, hand off found weapons during a search (to a backup officer)
- Otherwise secure found weapons in cargo pockets if available. Prefer NOT to put in waistband
- Cannot "set aside" and maintain positive control

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