



## President's E.O. #13929 on Use of Force Certification

If you have not already completed the Tennessee Certification Form on Use of Force and Safe Policing for Communities, please review the below information closely regarding the [President's Executive Order No. 13929 on Safe Policing for Safe Communities](#) and complete the certification form at your earliest convenience.

As a result of this Executive Order, the Department of Justice has released the [Standards for Certification](#) that will be used by credentialing bodies to certify law enforcement agencies from across the country. The Executive Order requires that all state, local, and university law enforcement agencies be certified by an independent credentialing agency.

The Department of Justice has designated the TACP as the credentialing agency for the state of Tennessee. As the credentialing agency, the TACP will work to assist law enforcement agencies across the state continue to provide transparent, safe, and accountable services to their communities.

Furthermore, if a law enforcement agency intends to apply for federal discretionary grant funds, the agency must comply with the required safe policing principles outlined in the mandatory [Principles for Certification](#). [Click here for additional resource documents](#).

Though compliance is required to receive grant funding, it is our hope that every agency in Tennessee will take the time to comply with Executive Order #13929 on Use of Force so that Tennessee can become one of the states with the highest number of compliant law enforcement agencies nationwide.

The Executive Order requires agencies to meet two standards in order to be successfully credentialed:

1. That the agency's use of force policies prohibit chokeholds, except in situations where the use of deadly force is allowed by law;
2. That the agency's use of force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws.

[To begin this credentialing process, please read and fill out the certification form by clicking here.](#)

Note: Please only upload the page or pages that contains the choke hold portion of your policy. The entire Use of Force Policy is not needed...thank you.

The form will be submitted to the TACP and the necessary information shared with the U.S. Department of Justice and TN Office of Criminal Justice Programs as required. Certificates will be sent to agencies once information and attestations are confirmed.

Please feel free to contact the TACP office if you need more immediate assistance at 615-726-8227 or [maggi@tacz.org](mailto:maggi@tacz.org) or [janessa@tacz.org](mailto:janessa@tacz.org).