Purpose
To provide the Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) with guidance surrounding the use of vascular neck restrictions.

General Order (7.1.5)
IUPD officers are prohibited from using vascular neck restrictions or any technique restricting the blood flow to and from the brain for the purpose of gaining control of a person unless deadly force would be considered necessary and reasonable. Pursuant to Indiana Code 35-41-3-3, officers must give a warning, if feasible, to a person prior to using deadly force.

Definitions
Deadly Force – Indiana Code 35-31.5-2-85 defines deadly force as meaning “force that creates a substantial risk of serious bodily injury.”

Vascular Neck Restriction – a technique that applies pressure to the lateral portions of the neck to incapacitate individuals by restricting the flow of blood through the carotid arteries to and from the brain.

Vascular Neck Restrictions
Vascular neck restrictions, when not applied properly, may rise to the level of deadly force, due to initial positioning of the officer or person to which the technique is applied, or a change in position of either person involved.

Related Information
Indiana University Police Department
- G7.1.2 Use of Deadly Force

Indiana Code
- 35-31.5-2-85 – Deadly Force
- 35-41-3-3 Use of Force Related to Arrest or Escape

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