Definitions

- **Deadly force** - Any use of force that creates a substantial risk of causing death or serious bodily injury, including but not limited to the discharge of a firearm.[1]
- **Feasible** - Reasonably capable of being done or carried out under the circumstances to successfully achieve the arrest or lawful objective without increasing risk to the officer or another person.[2]
- **Force** - The application of physical techniques or tactics, chemical agents, or weapons to another person. It is not a use of force when a person allows him/herself to be searched, escorted, handcuffed, or restrained.
- **Serious bodily injury** - A serious impairment of physical condition, including but not limited to the following: loss of consciousness; concussion; bone fracture; protracted loss or impairment of function of any bodily member or organ; a wound requiring extensive suturing; and serious disfigurement.[3]
- **Totality of the circumstances** - All facts known to the officer at the time, including the conduct of the officer and the subject leading up to the use of force.[4]

1 Penal Code § 835a
2 Government Code § 7286(a)
3 Penal Code § 243(f)(4)).
4 Penal Code § 835a