

Force Concepts with Dennis Root

Episode Three

Force - Power, physical strength, or violence exerted against a subject to overcome resistance or generate compliance. Force includes a set of verbalization skills augmented by physical alternatives.

Imminent - A threat that is ready to take place or happening soon. The threat timing is flexible and involves a timeline dependent on the circumstances rather than a fixed moment in time.

For example, a man who is standing 50 feet away from you holding a knife in a threatening manner would be an imminent stabbing threat. His use of the blade to stab you is dependent on the circumstances. He must close the distance and get within the weapon's striking distance to deliver a stabbing strike.

Immediate - Without an interval of time (instantaneous), relating to the here and now.

For example, a man who is standing within arms reach and who is holding a knife threatening to stab you.

Deadly Force (Lethal Force) - Any application of force that **IS** likely to cause great bodily harm or death.

Non-Deadly Force (Non-Lethal Force) - Any application of force that is **NOT** likely to cause great bodily harm or death.

Less-Than-Lethal - Less than lethal is a force option that is **highly unlikely** to cause death or great bodily harm when **properly applied**.

The visual imagery described in Force Concepts, episode three, is below. Listen to the show to learn what this image conveys to the listener tasked with considering your use of the term “less-lethal” compared to “less-than-lethal.”

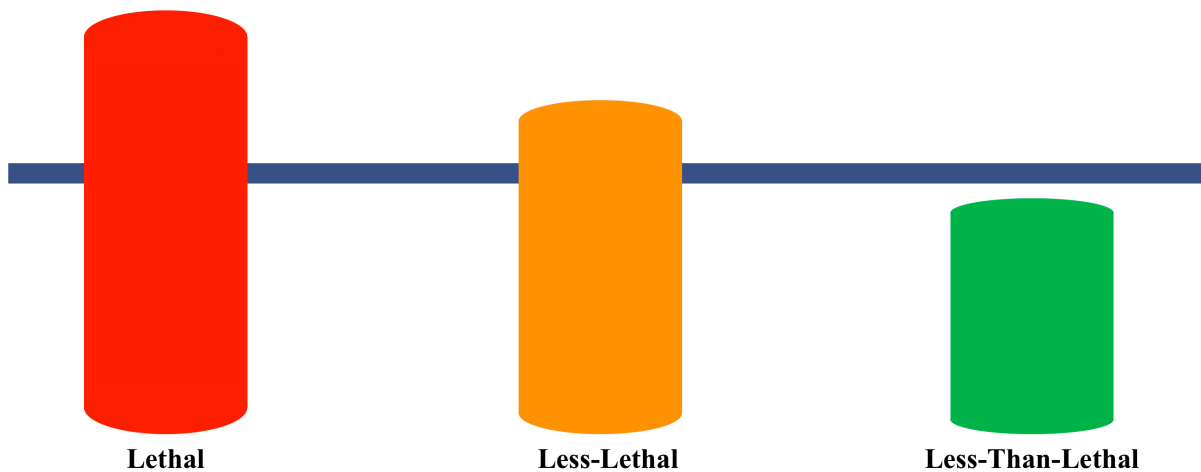


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