**Section 2501.40 Justifiable Use of Force**

a) Force may be used under the following circumstances in accordance with the Unified Code of Corrections [730 ILCS 5/3-6-4]:

1) *To compel compliance with a lawful order given by an employee to ensure the safety and security of the facility*.

2) *To protect oneself or any other person from physical assaults, injury or death*.

3) *To prevent escapes from the facility or from the custody of employees in the community*.

4) *To apprehend escapees* *or offenders charged with a violation of parole or mandatory supervised release* *within the community*.

5) *To protect State property or the property of others from unauthorized use, possession, damage or destruction*.

6) *To prevent or suppress a riot, revolt, mutiny or insurrection, or other serious disturbance*.

b) An employee shall be authorized to use deadly force under the following circumstances in accordance with the Unified Code of Corrections [730 ILCS 5/3-6-4]:

1) *When he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or any other person*.

2) *When he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent an escape of a committed youth or to retake a person who has escaped*.

3) *To prevent or suppress a riot, revolt, mutiny or insurrection or during a serious disturbance when there is reason to believe that a committed person poses an imminent threat of escape, death, or great bodily harm to another person*.

4) When he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent unauthorized vehicles, aircraft, or persons from attempting to breach the perimeter fence of the facility in order to assist in an escape or insurrection by committed youth.

c) Prior to using deadly force:

1) The employee should ensure that no other reasonable means of intervention are available to prevent death, great bodily harm or escape.

 2) Prior authorization of the use of weapons within facilities shall be given by the Chief Administrative Officer, whenever time and circumstances permit.