7-08/050.00 Stinger Grenades

The stinger (sting ball) grenade is designed as a less lethal weapon for use in a wide variety of tactical applications encountered within the Custody Services Divisions.

The purpose of this device is to facilitate a safe and effective response to situations which may jeopardize the life and safety of personnel, inmates, and/or the security and operations of the facility.

The Model 15 RP (Rubber Pellet Only) Stinger Grenade manufactured by Defense Technology is the only approved stinger grenade for use in the Custody Services Divisions. No other versions of the Model 15 Stinger Grenade are approved for use, including the Model 15 RP/CS and the Model 15 RP/OC.

The deployment of this grenade is an aggressive and decisive action that can help achieve the goal of protection of life and property, and the restoration of order. In no instance will authorization be given for the use of these weapons by other than authorized personnel. Refer to Custody Division Manual, section 7-08/000.00, "Deployment of Special Weapons." All members utilizing this weapon shall do so only when fully justified, and in conformance with the Department's use of force policies and section 7-08/000.00 of the Custody Division Manual, "Deployment of Special Weapons."

Members will be considered qualified to use the weapon only after attending, and successfully completing, a training class presented under the direction of the Custody Training and Standards Bureau.

All personnel throwing this grenade shall wear a safety glove and a helmet with face shield or safety goggles. If the safety pin is removed and the need to deploy no longer exists, personnel shall not replace the stinger grenade pin back into the spoon handle. Personnel shall take the stinger grenade to a safe location, in close proximity, (each facility shall create a Unit Order, designating safe locations within or near the facility that are deemed safe for disposing of live Stinger grenades) and detonate it.

Stinger grenades that do not detonate shall be disposed of by contacting the LASD Arson Explosives Bureau; [REDACTED TEXT].