7-08/070.00 Rubber Ball Blast Grenade

The Rubber Ball Blast Grenade is designed as a less lethal weapon for use as an aid during dynamic entries, distraction and/or disorientation, and crowd management situations.

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 use of this device 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 (CDM) 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:

- Department Manual of Policy and Procedures (MPP) section, 3-01/025.00 “Use of Force"
- CDM section, 7-08/000.00 “Deployment of Special Weapons"

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

All personnel throwing this device shall wear a safety glove and a helmet with face shield or safety goggles.