

## **5-06/030.11 - Use of Less Lethal Weapons During Civil Unrest**

Less-lethal weapons have the potential to inflict serious injuries. Absent exigent circumstances, these devices shall only be deployed subsequent to a verbal dispersal order.

Only qualified Department personnel shall use less-lethal weapons. Qualified personnel are those sworn individuals who have received and passed Department training in the use of these weapons.

### Authorization for Deployment:

- Deployment of these weapons shall be at the discretion of a squad leader or higher authority; and
- These weapons are to be utilized only by pre-designated and trained personnel.

Notification of the use of these weapons shall fall within the guidelines of section 3-10/100.00 of the Manual of Policy and Procedures, Use of Force Reporting and Review Procedures.

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