

5-06/040.05 - Use of Less-Lethal Weapons

Only qualified Department personnel, who have successfully passed Department training and are currently certified in the use of the weapon, shall carry a less-lethal weapon. Less-lethal weapons include, but are not limited to, the following devices covered under this section:

- Baton launching systems;
- Electronic immobilization device (taser);
- 12-Gauge stunbag;
- Pepperball launchers, noise/flash diversionary devices; and
- Chemical agents (small aerosol containers).

Personnel carrying a less-lethal weapon system shall record the weapon's information per divisional directive (i.e., MDT/MDC entry, armory sign out log, or any other means a unit has adopted for accounting for these weapons).

The use of a less-lethal weapon will be at the discretion of the individual deputy. Deputy personnel encountering a situation which may require the use of a less-lethal weapon system, when feasible, will immediately notify a supervisor.

All Department personnel utilizing less-lethal weapons must do so only when objectively reasonable given the circumstances and shall be governed by MPP section 3-10/100.00, "Use of Force Review and Reporting Procedures."
