



Auxiliary Police Weapons

I. AUXILIARY POLICE WEAPONS

Non-issue defensive weapons such as slapsticks, slapjacks, blackjacks, sap gloves, etc. are prohibited. Heavy-duty flashlights, which serve a dual purpose as an illumination device and pseudo-police batons are authorized. Additionally, personally-owned electronic defense weapons (stun guns) of any variety are prohibited. The auto lock Monadnock or ASP baton are authorized for use after the Officer has received the training in its proper use.

II. FLASHLIGHTS AND OTHER SIMILAR INSTRUMENTS

Flashlights and other similar instruments may only be used in situations where the degree of resistance exhibited by a law violator is of such magnitude that his arrest cannot otherwise be effected. Unless the situation is a life threatening one which requires the use of deadly force, a flashlight or similar instrument will not be used to strike the head, groin, spine, neck, or collarbone of the individual.

IV. OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY AGENT

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) is not a chemical agent but an inflammatory agent found naturally in cayenne pepper. When sprayed into the face of a violent or uncooperative subject, the results are immediate swelling and closing of the eyes, uncontrollable coughing, gagging and gasping of breath. The physiological effects produce such discomfort that the individual loses coordination and upper body motor control thereby reducing any further aggressive behavior.

1. Use of O.C. Spray Agent

- a. The O.C. Spray Agent is considered a low level control and restraint technique that can be utilized whenever an Officer is confronted with overt resistance.
- b. The O.C. Spray Agent may be used at an Officer's discretion in incidents as follows:
 1. To defend himself or others.
 2. To effect an arrest.
 3. To prevent the commission of a crime.
 4. When lower levels of force are deemed ineffective.

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c. After using the O.C. Spray Agent the Officer will adhere to the decontamination procedures as directed on the canister.