

Control Devices and Techniques

116.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the use and maintenance of control devices that are described in this policy.

116.2 POLICY

In order to control subjects who are violent or who demonstrate the intent to be violent, the Alsip Police Department authorizes officers to use control devices in accordance with the guidelines in this policy and the Use of Force Policy.

116.3 ISSUING, CARRYING AND USING CONTROL DEVICES

Control devices described in this policy may be carried and used by members of this department only if the device has been issued by the Department or approved by the Chief of Police or the authorized designee.

Only officers who have successfully completed department-approved training in the use of any control device are authorized to carry and use the device.

Control devices may be used when a decision has been made to control, restrain or arrest a subject who is violent or who demonstrates the intent to be violent, and the use of the device appears reasonable under the circumstances. When reasonable, a verbal warning and opportunity to comply should precede the use of these devices.

When using control devices, officers should carefully consider potential impact areas in order to minimize injuries and unintentional targets.

116.4 RESPONSIBILITIES

116.4.1 PATROL SERGEANT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Patrol Sergeant may authorize the use of a control device by selected personnel or members of specialized units who have successfully completed the required training.

116.4.2 RANGEMASTER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Rangemaster shall control the inventory and issuance of all control devices and shall ensure that all damaged, inoperative, outdated or expended control devices or munitions are properly disposed of, repaired or replaced.

Every control device will be periodically inspected by the Rangemaster or the designated instructor for a particular control device. The inspection shall be documented.

116.4.3 USER RESPONSIBILITIES

All normal maintenance, charging or cleaning shall remain the responsibility of personnel using the various devices.

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Any damaged, inoperative, outdated or expended control devices or munitions, along with documentation explaining the cause of the damage, shall be returned to the Rangemaster for disposition. Damage to Village property forms shall also be prepared and forwarded through the chain of command, when appropriate, explaining the cause of damage.

116.5 BATON GUIDELINES

The need to immediately control a suspect must be weighed against the risk of causing serious injury. The head, neck, throat, spine, heart, kidneys and groin should not be intentionally targeted except when the officer reasonably believes the suspect poses an imminent threat of serious bodily injury or death to the officer or others.

When carrying a baton, uniformed personnel shall carry the baton in its authorized holder on the equipment belt. Plainclothes and non-field personnel may carry the baton as authorized and in accordance with the needs of their assignment or at the direction of their supervisor.

116.6 OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) GUIDELINES

As with other control devices, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray and pepper projectiles may be considered for use to bring under control an individual or groups of individuals who are engaging in, or are about to engage in violent behavior. Pepper projectiles and OC spray should not, however, be used against individuals or groups who merely fail to disperse or do not reasonably appear to present a risk to the safety of officers or the public.

116.6.1 OC SPRAY

Uniformed personnel carrying OC spray shall carry the device in its holster on the equipment belt. Plainclothes and non-field personnel may carry OC spray as authorized, in accordance with the needs of their assignment or at the direction of their supervisor.

116.6.2 TREATMENT FOR OC SPRAY EXPOSURE

Persons who have been sprayed with or otherwise affected by the use of OC should be promptly provided with clean water to cleanse the affected areas. Those persons who complain of further severe effects shall be examined by appropriate medical personnel.

116.6.3 PEPPERBALL LAUNCHER USE

The purpose of this Policy is to provide members of the Alsip Police Department with guidelines on the authorized use of the Pepperball launcher that an objectively reasonable employee would apply in the performance of their lawful duties. Pepperball launchers and projectiles present employees a less than lethal option to consider when the use of force is reasonable and necessary.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Pepperball:** Pepperball projectiles are plastic spheres that are filled with powdered or liquid 5% Pava (capsaicin II). The projectiles, when delivered by an air powered launching device, burst on impact and release the Pava. Pepperball projectiles subdue subjects by inflaming the mucous membrane in their nose, lungs, eyes and respiratory tract. When inhaled, Pepperball Projectile Pava leads to coughing, shortness of breath,

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and involuntary closing of the eyes. Response to inhaling Pepperball Projectile Pava Powder varies greatly among individuals. In most cases symptoms last between 5-25 minutes. The Pepperball System can deliver projectiles with enough kinetic energy to produce temporary abrasions, bruises, and/or welts.

2. Pepperball ITC Launching System: An operational name for Pava Pepperball Delivery System.
3. Only Department issued Pepperball iTC Launching System and Pepperball projectiles are to be used in the field. Reusable, rubber projectiles will be used for training.

116.7 POST-APPLICATION NOTICE

Whenever tear gas or OC has been introduced into a residence, building interior, vehicle or other enclosed area, officers should provide the owners or available occupants with notice of the possible presence of residue that could result in irritation or injury if the area is not properly cleaned. Such notice should include advisement that clean up will be at the owner's expense. Information regarding the method of notice and the individuals notified should be included in related reports.

116.8 TRAINING FOR CONTROL DEVICES

The Services Supervisor shall ensure that all personnel who are authorized to carry a control device have been properly trained and certified to carry the specific control device and are retrained or recertified as necessary.

- (a) Proficiency training shall be monitored and documented by a certified control-device weapons or tactics instructor.
- (b) All training and proficiency for control devices will be documented in the officer's training file.
- (c) Officers who fail to demonstrate proficiency with the control device or knowledge of this [department/office]'s Use of Force Policy will be provided remedial training. If an officer cannot demonstrate proficiency with a control device or knowledge of this [department/office]'s Use of Force Policy after remedial training, the officer will be restricted from carrying the control device and may be subject to discipline.
- (d) Training shall include the issuance and training of this policy and the Use of Force Policy.
- (e) Refresher training shall occur at least once every two calendar years.

116.8.1 DEFINITIONS

- **Less Lethal Impact Munitions (LLIMS):** LLIMS can come in a various forms. The primary LLIMS the Alsip Police Department will use are the 40mm eXact iMPact™ Sponge Round, Stinger® 40mm, 32-Caliber Round, and 40mm Rubber Baton. LLIMS, when delivered by the 40MM Multi Shot launcher, cause blunt force trauma to the appropriately targeted area. Response to LLIMS varies greatly among individuals. The 40MM Multi Shot Launcher delivers LLIMS with enough kinetic energy to produce

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temporary abrasions, bruises, and/or welts. However, when the LLIMS impact on the head, spine, pelvic girdle or neck area can cause death or serious injury.

- **The Defense Technology® #1440/Lewis Machine and Tool Tactical 40mm 4-Shot Launcher:** An operational name for the 40MM Multi Shot Launcher.
- Only Department issued 40MM Multi Shot Launchers and LLIMS are to be used in the field. For training only reusable plastic training kits and indirect impact munitions will be used.

116.9 REPORTING USE OF CONTROL DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES

Any application of a control device or technique listed in this policy shall be documented in the related incident report and reported pursuant to the Use of Force Policy.

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