

OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE
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January 16, 2026

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: PROHIBITION ON USE OF 40MM KINETIC IMPACT PROJECTILES FOR CROWD CONTROL

On January 15, 2026, the United States District Court for the Central District of California issued an order in the case of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles et al. v. City of Los Angeles et al., banning the Los Angeles Police Department from using 40mm Kinetic Impact Projectiles (KIPs) for crowd control.

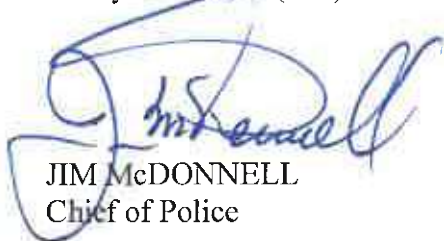
Effective immediately, Department personnel shall not use the 40mm less-lethal launcher as a crowd control tool. This prohibition applies to crowd management and crowd control, including crowd dispersal operations during demonstrations and protests.

Commanding Officers shall ensure:

- Immediate dissemination of this Notice to all personnel under their command; and,
- Compliance in the field, including ensuring that operational plans for demonstrations, protests, and crowd control do not include the deployment, carrying, displaying, or discharge of 40mm less-lethal launchers.

NOTE: Personnel are still permitted to carry 40mm less-lethal launchers in their vehicle for use in enforcement activity unrelated to protests, demonstrations, or crowd control operations.

Should you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Constitutional Policing and Policy Bureau at (213) 486-8730.



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