

Event 2 - Force Options  
 Session 05 - Tools Of the Trade  
 LD20 - Use of Force

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**Course Goal:** To familiarize recruit officers with different Less Lethal tools police officer's use on a daily basis.

**Session Goal:** To show the recruit officers the different tools police officer's use day to day. The recruit officers will become familiar with what the tools look like, department policy as to when each tool may be deployed and the effective distance of each tool.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Use of force policy regarding less lethal options
- Effective distance of the less lethal options
- Color coding system of the LAPD

**Session Time:** .5 hour

<p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bean bag shotgun</li> <li>• Taser</li> <li>• Inert handgun</li> <li>• Inert OC Spray</li> <li>• Simunition handgun</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Session Summary:</b> The instructor will have a facilitated discussion in the classroom. The recruit officers will become familiar with less lethal options and understand how the training guns work while training at the police academy.</p>	
Outline	Instructor Notes
<p>I. Less Lethal Shotgun- The bean bag shotgun is a less-than lethal use of force option that is used against violent or potentially violent, a potential threat to themselves or others, or are armed with weapons other than firearms. Beanbag ammunition is a less-lethal round that is to be used only in reconfigured Remington 870, 12 gauge shotguns. "CODE SAM" is the radio code for a bean bag shotgun. <b>[1]</b></p> <p>A. Considerations for deployment of the Beanbag Shotgun during tactical incidents</p> <p>1. The sock round is an impact munition that may be deployed on suspects who are</p>	<p>✓ <i>Quality through continuous improvement</i></p> <p><i>Place equipment on the table pointed in a safe direction so class can see</i></p> <p><b>[1] Ask-</b> What is the radio code when requesting the beanbag shotgun?</p>

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<p>violent or who pose a threat to themselves or others, when an officer believes: <b>[2]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Attempts to subdue the suspect with other tactics have been, or will likely be, ineffective in the situation; or</li><li>b. There is a reasonable belief that it will be unsafe for officers to approach within contact range of the suspect</li></ol> <p>B. The distinguishing nomenclature of the beanbag shotgun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Less Lethal identifying markings<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The bean bag shotgun is a reconfigured Remington 870 shotgun with several safety identification markings. <b>[3]</b></li><li>b. Green paint or tape on the slide handle, stock and barrel.</li><li>c. Rifle sights.</li><li>d. A side saddle ammunition holder mounted on the receiver.</li><li>e. A green, two point adjustable sling, slings shall not be removed.</li><li>f. Only beanbag ammunition is used in the bean bag shotgun. Buckshot and shotgun slugs shall not be used in bean bag shotguns. <b>[4]</b></li><li>g. Muzzle velocity: approximately 300 feet per second.</li><li>h. There is no minimum range, however for tactical and retention purposes the recommended deployment distance is 5 to 45 feet. Accuracy begins to decline beyond fifteen (15) yards <b>[5]</b></li><li>i. The primary target area is the <b>[6]</b> naval or belt line. Avoid the face/head, neck/throat, chest/sternum, spine, lower back/kidneys, and groin.</li><li>j. Officers may target the suspect's arms, hands or legs when practicable. <b>[6]</b></li><li>k. Verbal warning shall be given, "when</li></ol></li></ol>	<p><b>[2] Ask-</b> What is the LAPD policy to deploy the beanbag shotgun?</p> <p><b>[3] Ask-</b> What are the identified markings on the beanbag shotgun?</p> <p><b>[4] Ask-</b> Can you use Buckshot or shotgun slugs inside the beanbag shotgun?</p> <p><b>[5] Ask-</b>What is the effective range of the bean bag shotgun?</p> <p><b>[6] Ask-</b> What are the target areas for the beanbag shotgun?</p>
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<p>feasible", to a suspect(s) before any impact device (beanbag) that poses a "significant risk of serious injury" is utilized. [7]</p> <p>II. Taser- The X26P TASER is an Electronic Control Device (ECD) that uses propelled wires or direct contact to conduct energy to affect the sensory and motor functions of the nervous system.</p> <p>A. The ideal range for the TASER is 7 to 15 feet. [8]</p> <p>B. Effective range is 0-21 feet. [9]</p> <p>C. The optimum target areas are the back and naval area for the probes. Forearm, outside of thigh, calf muscle for drive stun/direct stun. Avoid using the stun feature on the neck, face, head and groin.</p> <p>D. The Taser may be used on suspects who are violent, or who pose an immediate threat to themselves or others, when an officer believes: <b>[10]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Attempts to subdue the suspect with other tactics have been or will likely be ineffective in the situation; or</li><li>2. There is a reasonable belief that it will be unsafe for officers to approach within contact range of the suspect.</li></ol> <p>E. Verbal threats of violence by a suspect do not alone justify the use of the TASER. Any threat must be a credible one.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Verbal threats of violence by a suspect do not alone justify the use of the TASER. Any threat must be a credible one, which the suspect has proven he or she is willing to carry out.</li></ol>	<p><b>[7] Ask-</b> Is a verbal warning required before using the beanbag shotgun?</p> <p><b>[8] Ask-</b> What is the <b>ideal</b> range for the Taser?</p> <p><b>[9] Ask-</b> What is the effective range for the Taser?</p> <p><b>[10] Ask-</b> What is the LAPD policy to use the Taser?</p>
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<p>2. A verbal warning shall be given, when feasible, to a suspect before a TASER is utilized. The verbal warning should include a command and a warning of potential consequences of the use of force. <b>[11]</b></p> <p>3. When an officer needs a TASER, the officer shall broadcast the unit designation, location and "Code Tom" over the radio. <b>[12]</b></p> <p>F. Officers should avoid deploying the TASER when the suspect is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. In danger of falling, which would likely result in SBI or death</li><li>2. Near flammable or combustible fumes.</li><li>3. Known to be pregnant.</li><li>4. Near pool or lake to avoid drowning</li><li>5. In control of a motor vehicle</li></ol> <p>III. Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) - OC is a chemical agent extracted from—cayenne pepper plants and can also be reproduced synthetically. All OC based chemical agents are considered a "tear gas" under California Penal Code Section 17240. Oleoresin Capsicum is very effective at controlling agent.</p> <p>A. Use Of Force Policy <b>[13]</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To control a suspect</li><li>2. Crowd Control<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Commander Approval</li><li>b. Target/Non-Target Specific</li></ol></li></ol> <p>B. OC Spray Deployment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Range- 3 To 12 Feet <b>[14]</b></li><li>2. Use Support Hand Thumb</li><li>3. Target Is Suspects Face And Eyes</li><li>4. "OC Stand By" To Notify Partners Of OC</li></ol>	<p><b>[11] Ask-</b> Do we give a verbal warning before using the Taser?</p> <p><b>[12] Ask-</b> When an officer needs a Taser, what should the officer broadcast?</p> <p><i>(Demonstrate using the inert OC Spray by using your support hand thumb to engage the spray facing away from the class)</i></p> <p><b>[13] Ask-</b> What is the LAPD Policy for the use of OC Spray?</p> <p><b>[14] Ask-</b> What is the effective range for OC Spray?</p>
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<p>Deployment</p> <p>5. After Spraying Move</p> <p>IV. Color coding system <b>6/610.97</b></p> <p>A. Inert handgun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Red or orange <b>[15]</b></li><li>2. No firing pin</li><li>3. Used for training</li><li>4. Firearms safety rules do apply</li></ol> <p>B. Simunition handgun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Blue</li><li>2. Used for simunitions</li><li>3. Firearms safety rules do apply</li></ol> <p>C. Less Lethal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Green</li><li>2. Taser</li><li>3. Beanbag Shotgun</li></ol> <p>D. Blank Guns</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Yellow</li><li>2. Used by role players only</li><li>3. Firearms safety rules apply</li></ol> <p>E. Black handle handgun</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Black</li><li>2. Duty handgun</li><li>3. Will not be carried in Sit-Sim Village</li><li>4. Will not be used for any scenario training</li></ol>	<p><b>[15] Ask-</b> What color are the training handguns?</p> <p><b><u>Color coding system, Manuel Section 6/610.97</u></b></p>
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