

Event 9 – Mobile Field Force – ARCON
Session 25 – Impact Weapons
LD 33 – Arrest and Control

Date Revised: 11/20/19

Event Goal:

Module Goal: To teach recruit officers how to use the side handle baton.

Learning Objectives:

- To teach recruit officers how to use their side-handle baton during a mobile field force situation.

Module Time: 1 hour

Resources:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated training area • First aid kit/AED 	
Module Summary: Students will practice various side-handle baton techniques to be used during a mobile field force situation.	
Outline	Instructor Notes
<p>I. Impact weapons</p> <p>A. Law and policy review</p> <p>1. Authority to use impact weapons – 835(a)P.C. [1]</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. In self-defense</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. In defense of others</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c. To effect an arrest</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">d. To overcome resistance</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">e. In civil unrest situations</p> <p>2. Agency policy – may be used when objectively reasonable [2]</p> <p>3. Illegal use of an impact weapon by a police officer [3]</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. 149 PC – public officer unnecessarily assaulting or beating any person under color of authority</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b. 245 PC – assault with a deadly weapon or force likely to produce great bodily injury</p> <p>B. Guidelines for use</p> <p>1. Verbalization [4]</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a. Give verbal commands when feasible</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1) Clear and concise commands</p>	<p>Facilitated discussion (in classroom formation, 10 minutes):</p> <p>[1] Ask – What gives police officers the legal authority to use an impact weapon?</p> <p>[2] Ask – When can you use an impact weapon per LAPD policy?</p> <p>[3] Ask – What can you be charged with if you use your baton illegally?</p> <p>[4] Ask – What should you verbalize to the suspect prior to using your baton?</p>

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<p>2) Tell the suspect what to do</p> <p>b. Giving a verbal warning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) If you don't stop, I will use my baton, and it may cause serious injury2) You shall give the warning when feasible3) Circumstances when a warning is not feasible<ol style="list-style-type: none">a) When an officer is attacked and must respond to the suspect's actionsb) The tactical plan requires the element of surprisec) Must be documented <p>2. Target areas [5]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Primary – outer bony areasb. Secondary – center body massc. Vulnerable areas [6]<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Face2) Head3) Neck4) Throat5) Spine6) Kidneys7) Groin <p>C. Mobile field force baton techniques</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Forward thrust [7]<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Key points<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Begin from the long extended position2) Step forward and to the outside with your support side foot3) Place the tip of the long extended on the suspect's sternum4) Push forward with the tip of the baton5) Give verbal commands6) Keep the baton parallel to the ground during the push7) Return to the long extended positionb. Common mistakes<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Failing to quickly return to the long extended position2) Striking at angle rather than keeping the baton parallel to the ground2. Forward push [8]<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Key points<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Transition to basic carry position2) With your free support side hand, push the suspect's chest3) Give verbal commands	<p>[5] Ask – What are the target areas when using an impact weapon?</p> <p>[6] Ask – What are the vulnerable areas that we should not strike with a baton?</p> <p>➤ Note: All instructor notes regarding the number of repetitions may be modified by the instructor based on the needs of the students, to achieve proficiency.</p> <p>[7] Demonstrate and drill – Forward thrust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate• Break down key points and common mistakes• Drill (8-10 reps) <p>[8] Demonstrate and drill – Forward push</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate• Break down key points and common mistakes• Drill (8-10 reps)
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<p>4) Return to long extended if necessary</p> <p>b. Common mistakes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Pushing with the baton rather than the hand2) Failing to give clear verbal commands <p>3. Power chop baton retention [9]</p> <p>a. Key points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Start from the long extended position2) Transition into the standard power chop position3) Chop down explosively to the outside of the suspect's arm to your support side4) Return to the long extended position5) Prepare for additional baton strikes6) May be used when the suspect grabs with one or two hands <p>b. Common mistakes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Allowing the baton to be pulled too far from your body2) Chopping slowly, giving the suspect time to adjust their grip <p>4. Figure 8 baton retention [10]</p> <p>a. Key points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Circle the baton up and around towards the suspect's fingers2) Circle back the opposite direction creating a figure 8 motion3) Quickly snap the tip of the baton down towards the suspect's thumb4) Prepare to deliver additional baton strikes <p>b. Common mistakes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Moving too slow on the final grip break2) Trying to break the grip without first circling in a figure 8 motion	<p>[9] Demonstrate and drill – Power chop baton retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate• Break down key points and common mistakes• Drill (8-10 reps) <p>[10] Demonstrate and drill – Figure 8 baton retention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrate• Break down key points and common mistakes• Drill (8-10 reps)
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