

OFFICE OF OPERATIONS

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TO: All Office of Operations Personnel

FROM: Director, Office of Operations

SUBJECT: BEANBAG SHOTGUN DEPLOYMENT

Consistent with our continuing emphasis on the principle of Reverence for Human Life in all contacts between officers and members of the public, the Department has determined that access to less-lethal force options must continue to be a priority. The deployment of the beanbag shotgun has the potential to minimize the risk of serious bodily injury to officers and the suspect, and may also mitigate the need to use a higher level of force to resolve the situation. See Department Use of Force – Tactics Directive No. 16, dated October 2016, *Tactical De-Escalation Techniques*.

This Notice serves as a reminder that when a beanbag shotgun is available, uniformed officers assigned to field duties (excluding motorcycle units and bicycle units), should check out a beanbag shotgun from the kitroom and deploy it in the field. In doing so, officers increase their available force options during critical incidents. It is the responsibility of supervisors and the Watch Commander to monitor the deployment of these valuable tools.

When logging on, officers shall indicate via the Mobile Data Computer (MDC) whether they have a Taser, beanbag shotgun, slug shotgun, or UPR. Officers that do not have an MDC equipped vehicle shall contact Communications Division with this information when they are deployed. This will allow Communications Division to track the equipment in each unit.

Should you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Commander John Sherman, Assistant to the Director, Office of Operations, at (213) 486-0108.



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