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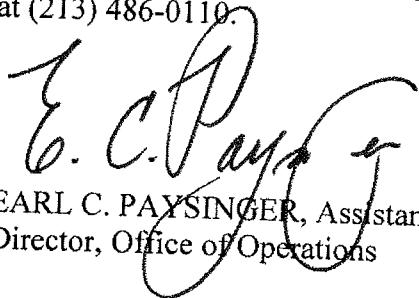
SUBJECT: DAILY DEPLOYMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF LESS-LETHAL OPTIONS

Dangerous confrontations between violent suspects and those armed with weapons other than firearms have become a recurring event and can often result in serious bodily injury or death. Therefore, it is imperative that officers not only discuss tactics prior to these encounters, but also be equipped with the proper equipment to handle such situations. Past experience has shown that officers equipped with OC spray, batons, Tasers and Bean bag shotguns have a higher probability of resolving volatile situations while minimizing serious bodily injury.

In order to maximize the ability to control these situations, all officers are directed to take full advantage of this equipment. This requires officers to make the daily, conscientious decision to checkout this equipment from the kit-room and to deploy it in the field. In doing so, they increase their force options available while also supporting their fellow officers with equipment request during critical incidents.

Watch Commanders in particular have the critical responsibility of ensuring appropriate resources are available to field officers during their watch. In keeping with the Department's goal of resolving incidents using the minimal force necessary, those resources must include less-lethal equipment. Watch commanders must ensure that Tasers and Bean bag shotguns are deployed on every watch and made readily available to assist in field encounters.

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