

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
COURT SERVICES BUREAU  
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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Purpose:

To establish a list of authorized less lethal weapons available for use by sworn staff of the Court Services Bureau (CSB).

Policy:

No sworn staff member should use an authorized less lethal device unless they have received department approved training in its proper application. Use of less lethal weapons must fall within the guidelines set forth in Department Policy and Procedure Section 6.48, Use of Force.

Procedure:

- I. Hand-Held Ultron II
  - A. Description: Less-lethal, control device that produces 50,000 volts of electricity. The device has two small metallic prongs that must be in physical contact with the person to be restrained. The operator then turns the device on. It causes involuntary muscle contraction and temporarily incapacitates a person.
  - B. Required Training: 8-hour certification class provided by the department.
  
- II. Nova Shield
  - A. Description: Riot shield equipped with conductive metallic strips that deliver 50,000 volts of electricity. The operator makes physical contact with the shield and activates the electricity through the use of a push button on the shield. It causes involuntary muscle contraction and temporarily incapacitates a person.
  - B. Required Training: 8-hour certification class provided by the department.
  
- III. SA200 Pepperball Launcher
  - A. Description: The system/launcher is a .68 caliber semi-automatic less lethal launcher, which is dedicated to firing OC Pepperballs. This launcher is specifically used to deploy less lethal munitions. The SA200

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comes equipped with either a 50 or 200 round hopper/magazine, which holds the OC Pepperballs.

- B. Required Training: 10-hour certification class provided by the department.

IV. 12 gauge Super-sock Flexible Baton

- A. Description: The 12 gauge pump action shotgun is a Remington 870 specifically used to deploy less lethal munitions. The super-sock projectile is constructed of a 2 inch long by ½ inch in diameter cloth material containing lead shot and weighs 40 grams. This is a flexible projectile intended to conform to the target shape. The lead shot acts as a fluid medium, distributing the kinetic energy over a wide surface area.

- B. Required Training: 10-hour certification class provided by the department.

V. TASER

- A. Description: Less lethal electronic control device that produces 50,000 volts of electricity. The device has two small metal barbs, deployed from a cartridge, that must contact the person to be restrained. Once the TASER is deployed and both barbs make contact, it will cause involuntary muscle contraction and temporarily incapacitate the subject. The TASER may be used in “drive stun” mode by placing the unit in direct contact with the subject.

- B. Required Training: Certification class provided by the department.