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## LINE-UP TRAINING

### 40MM Less Lethal Launcher

### Topic #89

*After discussing/reviewing the below training material in line-up (briefing), sworn staff shall sign off as completed in LMS. In the event a staff member is not present when this topic is discussed in line-up, they shall independently read, review, and complete the training.*

*Completion of this line-up training topic includes reviewing the associated standardized PowerPoint presentation available on the DTU SharePoint site ([#89-Standard Presentation](#)).*

*By clicking "Yes" to "Have you completed this activity?" in LMS, you are attesting that you have viewed, read, and completed the training activity.*

#### I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this training is to familiarize deputies with the 40MM Less Lethal Launcher.

#### II. POLICY

This training is conducted in adherence to [DSB P&P Section I.85 - Use of Defensive Devices](#), [DSB P&P Section I.89 - Use of Force](#), and [Addendum F Section - Use of Force Guidelines](#) (Refer to the Standardized Power Point for details).

#### III. DISCUSSION

Staff shall discuss and review procedures related to the operation of the 40MM launcher systems. There are two types of 40MM less lethal launchers at the facilities. One is single shot launcher and the other a multi shot launcher.

##### A. SINGLE SHOT LAUNCHER

1. Overall length is 2'4"
2. Barrel length is 14" and rifled
3. Weighs 6.75lbs unloaded
4. Capable of single action or double action trigger pull.
5. Utilizes a weaver rail and ghost ring sight system.



B. MULTI SHOT LAUNCHER

1. Overall length is 2'8"
2. Barrel length is 11" and rifled
3. Utilizes weaver rail and ghost ring sight system
4. Holds six rounds
5. Double action trigger (Hammer not visible)

C. AMMUNITION

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

D. WARNINGS

In situations where any force used is capable of causing serious injury or death, there is a requirement that, whenever feasible, the deputy must first warn the suspect that force will be used if there is not compliance.

E. FORCE

Force includes the pointing of any firearm or weapon designed to fire a projectile and any incident involving the actual or attempted detention of a subject at gunpoint (defined as holding the barrel of a weapon on target).

F. TARGET AREAS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



G. REPORTING PROCEDURES

Per Addendum F, the 40mm less lethal launcher is defined as a "less lethal specialty munition." Absent exigent circumstances, the watch commander or designee shall be notified prior to deployment of specialty munitions in the detention setting. Deputies must verbally inform their supervisor as soon as practical, but in no event later than the end of shift when specialty munitions have been deployed. The deputy's written report must include all pertinent facts relative to the use of the specialty munitions and notification of a supervisor. Whenever possible, the use of the less lethal launcher should be documented by videotape. It is suggested that photographs be taken to accurately depict the scene, damage and any injury that occurs as a result of the deployment of specialty munitions. Copies of all reports must be sent to the Training Division Defensive Tactics Coordinator. An SO-120 Supplemental form must be completed, one form per inmate impacted or targeted.

H. INJURY OR DEATH

Whenever an inmate(s) is struck by a projectile from the less lethal launcher, refer the inmate(s) to medical staff for assessment and treatment as soon as practical. Any abnormal or questionable physical presentation demands immediate medical attention.

In the event of death caused by a specialty munition, Department personnel will follow the procedures set forth in section 8.2 of the Sheriff's Department Manual of Policy and Procedures and in the detentions setting, section M.7 of the Detentions Services Policy and Procedure.