PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for the display and/or use of authorized defensive devices within the Detention Services Bureau (DSB).

POLICY

Authorized defensive devices shall be operated by trained and qualified deputies. Absent exigent circumstances, the watch commander or designee shall be notified prior to deploying specialty munitions/other defensive devices. Deputies using the defensive devices listed in this policy section shall adhere to departmental use of force guidelines including but not limited to those found in the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department Policy and Procedures Manual 2.49 and Addendum F. Operators of the devices listed below must carefully evaluate the situation and consider the totality of the circumstances prior to utilizing these devices. Whenever possible, the use of a defensive device should be digitally recorded. Inmates subjected to any of the listed defensive devices will be assessed/treated by facility health staff in compliance with DSB Policies and Procedures (DSB P&P) section I.89.

PROCEDURE:

I. AUTHORIZED DEFENSIVE DEVICES

II. DEFENSIVE DEVICE SPECIFICATIONS
A. Facility commanders or designees should ensure a minimum of one deputy trained and qualified to use [redacted] is assigned to each shift.

B. Facility commanders or designees should ensure a minimum of one deputy trained and qualified to use [redacted] is assigned to each shift.

C. [redacted]
1. Facility commanders or designees of those facilities opting to include as part of its approved defensive devices should ensure a minimum of one deputy trained and qualified to use is assigned to each shift.

2. The serial number and the circumstances regarding the use of the shall be included in the letter.

3. shall be stored in a secured " in Detention facility administrative staff shall conduct a monthly inventory of the The serial number of each shall be recorded and a current inventory maintained.

4. shall be inspected at least semi-annually by facility administrative staff. that have surpassed the warranty of five years must be replaced.

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1. is authorized to be carried anywhere inside and outside of detention facilities by trained deputies.

2. The Weapons Training Unit shall coordinate the maintenance, repair, and purchasing of ne It shall be the responsibility of
each detention facility to maintain an adequate supply for issuance to deputies subsequent to deployment.

4. Deputies who are trained and qualified to use authorized to carry and use the department-approved while in the performance of their duties. Deputies are responsible for the condition of their individual

2. It shall be the responsibility of each detention facility to budget for and purchase adequate supplies to issues to the deputies trained and qualified in its use. When ordering for the facility, the Weapons Training Unit (WTU) shall be consulted for the appropriate authorized

3. Deputies who are trained and certified competent are authorized to use department-approved in response to an inmate's behavior/actions (in compliance with Addendum F).

2. Facility commanders or designees should ensure a minimum of one deputy trained and qualified to use the is assigned to each shift.

2. Deputies may display the device to the inmate prior to using it. If it is necessary to apply the device, the electronic current shall be discharged only as long as it is reasonable to bring the inmate under control.
3. Detention facility administrative staff shall maintain documentation of the weekly testing and any maintenance performed.

I. Deputies who are trained and qualified to use the department-approved may be used only when the inmate's behavior/actions meet the criteria set forth in Addendum F.

J. Deputies who are trained and qualified to use the department-approved may be used only when the inmate's behavior/actions meet the criteria set forth in Addendum F.
a. The posted instructions shall be followed when

b. 

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III. DOCUMENTATION

Use of the defensive devices listed in this policy section shall be documented in the narrative of a NetRMS report in accordance with established department use of force reporting guidelines, including, but not limited to, those found in Addendum F and DSB P&P section I.89. Color photographs depicting the scene, property damage and any area(s) on the body where the devices/rounds came into contact with the inmate(s) shall be taken by sworn staff.

IV. LOCATIONS

Sheriff's detention facilities shall identify via facility Green Sheet all facility assigned defensive devices and their designated storage locations. When not in use, defensive devices shall be placed/remain in the storage areas and shall be secured in a safe/unloaded condition.

V. CERTIFICATION

Deputies shall be considered certified on the use of the listed defensive devices after the successful completion of a course taught by a certified instructor. For certification and course content, contact the Detention In-Service Training Unit (DTU).

VI. PREGNANT INMATES

Deputies shall not use any of the defensive devices listed in this policy section on an inmate known or suspected to be pregnant, or in recovery after delivery (see DSB P&P section M.38).

VII. UNINTENTIONAL DISCHARGE (UD)

In the event an UD occurs with any of the defensive devices, the deputy who discharged the device shall write a Miscellaneous Incident Report in NetRMS documenting the circumstances surrounding the UD. The deputy's direct supervisors must be notified of the UD, and the facility training coordinator(s) must be informed in order to replace any munitions (if applicable).