



San Diego County Sheriff

Training Bulletin

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Less Lethal Shotgun Standoff Distance

In an effort to maintain modern training standards in line with current munitions used on the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the minimum distance to deploy the CTS 2581 Super Sock from the Less Lethal Shotgun will be 0 feet for all sworn personnel. This minimum distance will supersede any past training.

Combined Tactical Systems (CTS) does not require the operator to be a minimum distance away from their intended target when deploying the CTS 2581. The previous minimum standoff distance that was trained was due to the old "Bean Bag" round previously issued to Deputies. That round is no longer used on the Sheriff's Department. However, the sheriff's department recommends deputies attempt to remain at least 3 feet (End of barrel to target) away from the intended target unless circumstances dictate otherwise. This recommendation is based on the following reasons, but not limited to: Better retention of the weapon, less likelihood of accidentally targeting a "lethal" area on the body, and possible malfunctions to the Less Lethal Shotgun.

The Less Lethal Shotgun and CTS 2581 Super Sock round will be carried and deployed by trained deputies. As a refresher the recommended range for the Super Sock round is now 0-50 feet. Continue to avoid targeting the head, neck, thorax, heart, spine, and groin.

Some of the common deployment errors made when using Less Lethal Shotgun are:

- No tactical plan prior to deployment
- Missing your target
- Moving in too soon
- No other force option considered

Additionally it is the responsibility of the deploying deputy to ensure the correct CTS 2581 Super Sock rounds are loaded into the weapon. If the Less Lethal Shotgun is deployed, follow Addendum F ([Click Here](#)) guidelines when reporting a use of force.

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