



GENERAL ORDER

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

Chapter: Operations	Section: 403.8	
Subject: Use of Force	Topic: Stop Sticks	
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to establish guidelines for the deployment of Stops Sticks.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office to ensure that the deploying of Stop Sticks is done in a manner that reduces the risk of harm to the general public, violator/suspect and deputies. The deployment of the Stop Sticks shall be done in accordance with LCSO training protocols.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. The deployment of Stop Sticks shall only be done by deputies who have successfully completed all LCSO training protocols.
- B. The deployment shall be done in accordance with the LCSO training protocols governing Stop Sticks.
- C. The deploying deputy shall notify ECC of the exact location of the Stop Stick deployment. Pursuing units shall be advised by radio of the existence of the Stop Stick deployment.

IV. REPORTING

- A. Stops Sticks deployed as a result of a vehicle pursuit shall be documented by the deploying deputy on an IBR supplement to the pursuit.
- B. Stop Sticks deployed on a stationary vehicle only need to be documented if the intended vehicle engages the device. It should be documented either on an IBR or IBR supplement, as appropriate.
- C. A supervisor shall conduct a use of force investigation on the Administrative Investigation Inquiry Use of Force Form if the Stop Stick is actually engaged by a vehicle.
- D. If an unintended citizen's vehicle engages the Stop Stick the supervisor shall

document the incident in an IBR supplemental report. That information shall be forwarded to Risk Management.

- E. If any other damage results from the engagement of the Stop Sticks it shall be documented and photographed.
- F. Copies of all documents shall be forwarded to the Internal Affairs section.