



Chapter: Arrests, Use of Force, Care of Prisoners
Subject: 05-07 – Use of Weapons of Last Resort
Effective: April 19, 2022
Supersedes: Official Order 7, Section 7.5, dated January 21, 2021
Distribution: Department Members

PURPOSE: This Order establishes department policy related to the use of weapons of last resort.

05-07-1 WEAPONS OF NECESSITY (“LAST RESORT” WEAPONS)

- A. Situations may occur where certain immediate and drastic measures must be taken by an enforcement member in order to protect human life. Force used in these situations may involve the use of techniques or weapons not covered in this Order and will be judged based on whether the use of force was ‘objectively reasonable’ in light of the facts and circumstances surrounding the enforcement. Weapons of necessity include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) Flashlights
 - (2) Knives
 - a. Enforcement members may carry a personally owned, single-edged folding knife with a blade no greater than four inches in length.
 - b. When carrying a knife, enforcement members shall carry the knife concealed.
 - c. Enforcement members shall not carry a knife in a sheath on the department uniform.

DIRECTOR

Annual Review Responsibility: Training Division

Accreditation Standards: CALEA 4.1.1