



Chapter: Arrests, Use of Force, Care of Prisoners
Subject: 05-17 – Intermediate Weapon: Collapsible Baton
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Distribution: Department Members

PURPOSE: This Order establishes department policy for carrying and using a collapsible baton, which is classified as an intermediate weapon.

05-17-1 CARRYING AND USE OF INTERMEDIATE WEAPONS

- A. Intermediate weapons shall only be issued to and used by enforcement members who have been trained, authorized, and have demonstrated proficiency with the weapon.
- B. Enforcement members shall refer to Official Order 05-15 – Use of Intermediate Weapons for the department's policy on the use of intermediate weapons.
- C. Only department-issued intermediate weapons shall be used.
- D. At minimum, enforcement members will receive training on all intermediate weapons annually.

05-17-2 COLLAPSIBLE BATON

- A. Enforcement members will be assigned a collapsible baton as part of their duty gear.
- B. Enforcement members who are authorized to use a collapsible baton shall at a minimum ensure it is present while on patrol in their duty bag or carry the baton on their uniform duty belt in the department-issued baton holder.
- C. Enforcement members shall use the collapsible baton in accordance with department written directives and training.
- D. All non-uniformed enforcement members who have received training in the use of the collapsible baton and have been issued batons are encouraged to carry this item whenever practical.
- E. Horseplay with the collapsible baton is prohibited.
- F. The standard issue baton is approximately 20" and collapsible.

All procedures related to documenting the use of force shall be followed in accordance with the guidelines stipulated in Procedure Manual 05-03 – Documenting, Reporting, and Investigating Use of Force.

DIRECTOR

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