



# **POLICY AND PROCEDURE NO. 400.6**

## **Kinetic Energy Impact Projectiles Less-Lethal Shotgun Guidelines**

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### **1. PURPOSE:**

To provide sworn members of the Worcester Police Department with guidelines in the use of the Kinetic Energy Projectiles.

### **2. POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Worcester Police Department that the use of the Kinetic Energy Projectiles on a person is in compliance with this protocol and the Worcester Police Use of Force Policy (Policy #400).

### **3. PROCEDURES:**

- The authorized / preferred kinetic energy impact system of the W.P.D is a designated 12 gauge 870-style shotgun (clearly marked by the color orange).
- The projectile shall be a sock style projectile (i.e the CTS Super Sock and Federal Labs Drag Stabilized projectiles).
- NOTE: Flat square projectiles beanbag projectiles will NOT be used.
- Only sworn members of the Department that have been trained and certified in the Less-Lethal Shotgun are authorized to deploy and discharge kinetic energy impact systems.
- The trained qualified operator has the right and obligation to decline orders to deploy the system in an improper, illegal or in an excessively dangerous manner.
- Each shot will be aimed using the fixed sites of the weapon. NOTE: Random firing into crowds, firing from the hip and other deployments that do not involve a well-aimed shot are prohibited.
- Targeting areas for kinetic energy impact projectiles will follow the Escalation of Trauma Chart. Primary target will be green areas.
- The potential for death or serious bodily injury exists. Red areas shall only be targeted when deadly force would be appropriate and or acceptable.

### **4. MEDICAL ATTENTION:**

Officers shall render medical aid within their level of training, when tactically feasible, and call for medical attention at the scene.

### **5. REPORTING PROCEDURES:**

The use of a Less-Lethal Shotgun is a reportable Use of Force. See policy # 400, Use of Force (section X, Reporting Use of Force Incidents).

Per:

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