

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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**SECTION 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the training for less than lethal weapons for all personnel who are authorized to carry such weapons.

**SECTION 2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department that all officers who are authorized to carry less than lethal weapons receive training and demonstrate proficiency at least biennially in the use of the less than lethal weapon(s) which they carry.

**SECTION 3 PROCEDURES**

**A. LESS THAN LETHAL WEAPONS**

1. Officers or supervisors are authorized to carry the weapons listed below only after they have received the proper training and have demonstrated proficiency with each weapon they carry:
  - a. Expandable Baton (ASP Baton)
  - b. OC Spray
  - c. JPX Cobra 450 Pepper Gun
  - d. Less Lethal shotgun rounds
2. The training must be conducted by a TCOLE certified instructor who is certified to instruct in the proper use of the specific type of less than lethal weapon to be employed. The instructor must insure that the training is properly documented, and that the documentation is submitted to the department's training coordinator to be kept in the officer's training file.

**B. RESPONSIBILITY**

1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.

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2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.