

RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

POST COURSE #30995

LESS LETHAL WEAPON SYSTEMS

COURSE OUTLINE

I. INTRODUCTION / COURSE OVERVIEW

- A. Less Lethal force philosophy, including the management of officer created jeopardy.
- B. Legal considerations
 - 1. The use of impact projectiles.
 - 2. High Risk versus Low Risk.
- C. Delivery Systems
 - 1. Deployment techniques
 - 2. Handling of persons after deployment
 - 3. Documentation

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES

- A. The student will have an understanding of:
 - 1. The less lethal force philosophy
 - 2. Safety priorities
 - 3. Managing officer jeopardy
 - 4. Legal issues
 - 5. Department use of force / less lethal policy overview
- B. The student will demonstrate his / her ability to safely operate a 12 gauge and 40mm, less lethal weapon systems.
 - 1. The student will have an understanding of the 12 gauge and 40mm less lethal weapon systems.
 - 2. The student will have an understanding of the 12 gauge Def-Tec 23 DS impact projectile and the 40mm exact impact sponge round.

III. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Case Law
 - 1. Langford v. Gates, (1987)
 - 2. Graham v. Connor, (1989)
 - 3. Quezada v. County of Bernalillo, (1991)
 - 4. Plakas v. Drinkski, (1994)
 - 5. Deorle v. Rutherford, (2001)
 - 6. NLG vs. City of Los Angeles, (2007)

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B. Policy and Procedure

1. RPD use of force policy (Lexipol 300.3)
2. RPD kinetic energy munition policy (Lexipol 305.9)

C. Safety Priorities

1. Hostages
2. Bystanders
3. Officers
4. Suspects / Subjects

IV. TACTICAL TRIAGE

A. Incident Command (Who's in Charge?)

1. First on scene
2. Senior officer
3. Supervisor

V. LESS LETHAL SYSTEMS

A. 12 gauge shotgun Def-Tec Model 23 Drag Stabilized

1. Type / Design
2. Load - 40 g. #9 shot
3. Range

B. 40mm Less Lethal Launcher

1. Type / Design
2. Munition – 40mm Sponge Round
3. Range

C. Primary Target Areas

1. Buttocks
2. Lower extremities
3. Upper extremities

D. Secondary Target Areas

1. High risk use of force
2. Lethal justification

E. Injuries

1. Impact – open wound
2. Impact – closed wound

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F. Deployment/ Tactics

1. Lethal cover for less lethal deployment
2. Announcement, re-assess, re-deploy
3. Take down / arrest team
4. Medical aid
5. Scene security, documentation (photos)
6. Report writing

VI. Written Exam

- A. 30 Question exam consisting of multiple choice, true / false, and fill in the blank questions.

VII. Practical Application

A. Safety Briefing

1. Weapon manipulation
2. Range limits

B. Course of Fire

1. Fire one shotgun round at 7 yards and 15 yards
2. Fire one 40mm sponge round at 7 yards and 15 yards

VIII. Course Conclusion

- A. Debrief / Q&A / Clean up