



ASP RECERTIFICATION GUIDELINES



1. Officers are authorized to deploy the ASP baton when such force is objectively reasonable, necessary and proportional to protect the officer or another party from physical harm and lesser means would be ineffective.

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2. Each separate ASP baton strike must be individually justified.

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3. Officers shall not intentionally strike to sensitive tissue areas, such as head, neck, spine or genitalia.  
Exception where deadly force is justified.

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4. Officers shall not use impact weapons on subjects who are handcuffed or otherwise restrained.

Unless the subject is displaying aggressive physical resistance AND lesser means would be ineffective or have been tried and failed.

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4.a. If you strike a handcuffed subject with an ASP baton it will be a Level Three use of force.

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5. Officers shall not use their firearm as an impact weapon, due to the possibility of unintentional discharge or result in a death.

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6. After a member strikes a subject with an ASP baton, riot baton, or any hard object/non-traditional weapon:
- \*You must call EMS and have them examine the subject.
  - \*Photographs areas that were struck

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7. When using the ASP baton as a lever/pry tool or pain compliance you must notify a supervisor.
- This would be a level two use of force.

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8. Officers shall not use intermediate weapons/ASP baton on the following:
1. Subjects who are passively resisting.
  2. Preventing the destruction of evidence.
  3. Against small children, visibly frail individuals the elderly and women visibly or known to be pregnant.
- (except where deadly force is authorized)

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9. Officer shall not use less-lethal / intermediate weapons to prod individuals.

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10. Officers shall not use intermediate weapons on subjects who are under control or complying with police direction.

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