

Expandable Baton

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810.1 PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for the use of the expandable baton.

810.2 DEFINITIONS:

Expandable baton: A telescoping or collapsible pole of moderate length that is issued to authorized department personnel.

810.3 RESPONSIBILITIES:

- I. Training Unit:
 - A. Ensure that designated sworn staff receive the required training prior to the issuance of an expandable baton.
 - B. Conduct expandable baton training as required by law and state/department mandates.
- II. All Staff Authorized to Carry an Expandable Baton:
 - A. Complete required training before carrying an expandable baton in the field.
 - B. Only use the department-issued expandable baton and accessories (holster, replacement parts, etc.) and do not alter or modify the equipment.
 - C. Carry the expandable baton during field work, unless an exception is authorized by the Chief Probation Officer (CPO) or Assistant Chief Probation Officer (ACPO).
 - D. Do not carry the expandable baton within any facility that prohibits it (i.e. treatment facilities, involuntary psychiatric detainment centers, etc.), detention centers (jail, juvenile hall, prison, etc.), or while off-duty, with the exception of enroute to and from work, if applicable.
 - E. Weigh the use of the expandable baton against the risk of causing serious injury.
 1. The head, neck, throat, spine, heart, kidneys, and groin should not be intentionally targeted except when the officer reasonably believes the subject poses an immediate threat of serious bodily injury or death to self or others.
 - F. Complete required notifications and documentation pursuant to applicable department procedures when the expandable baton is used. This includes

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instances when an individual is struck with the expandable baton and circumstances do not permit the identification and/or arrest of said subject.

- G. Store the expandable baton and accessories pursuant to the Equipment Responsibility procedure.