

PINEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SECTION 6: ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

SUBJECT: 605 LESS LETHAL

MUNITIONS EFFECTIVE: 01/01/2015

1. **PURPOSE.** Less Lethal Munitions are another alternative in the use of force continuum that may be used in circumstances to de-escalate a potentially dangerous situation with a reduced potential for death or serious physical injury to all persons involved.

2. **DEFINITION.** Less Lethal Munitions refer to 'Flexible Projectiles' that are fired from a shotgun or 37mm launcher or FN-303. Less Lethal Munitions are designed to deliver its kinetic energy over a relatively large area and impart a Less-Lethal impact to the target.

3. LESS LETHAL MUNITIONS USE.

A. Less Lethal Munitions are department issued items, and are to be issued and used only by trained department personnel.

B. The Less Lethal Munitions will be carried in designated, plainly marked (orange stock & forearm) 870 Remington Shotguns or 37mm launcher or FN-303.

C. Members may use Less Lethal Munitions at the same level of force where other impact weapons are justified.

D. The use of Less Lethal Munitions are considered a force level of serious physical control when deployed to area's of the suspects body that are considered unlikely to cause death or serious physical injury.

E. Less Lethal Munitions can also be considered a force level of deadly force, if intentionally deployed at a location recognized as likely to cause death or serious physical injury (i.e., head, neck/throat).

F. The use of Less Lethal Munitions are not mandatory when the developing situation does not allow the necessary circumstances or time for the member(s) to transition to the deployment of Less Lethal Munitions.

G. The number of Less Lethal Munitions shall be restricted to the amount that the member reasonably believes necessary to de-escalate the situation.

H. Suspects who are struck with Less Lethal Munitions shall be transported to a medical facility for examination.

I. Members who deploy a Less Lethal Munitions at a suspect (hit or miss) shall make a verbal notification to the duty supervisor as soon as possible and write a narrative detailing the circumstances of its use prior to the end of their shift. A supervisor shall review the incident and the original incident report shall be sent to the Bureau Commander.

By order of

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Chief of Police