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.10 **ASP Baton**

- A. The ASP Baton shall be carried only by those officers that have completed a course of instruction in and by a certified instructor.
- B. All officers carrying the ASP Baton are required to re-certify within 12 months. Carrying the ASP Baton after certification has expired will not be allowed.
- C. Remember the criteria for the use of force.
 - Intent
 - Ability and Means
 - Opportunity
- D. Any time the ASP Baton is used the officer will file a report on the incident.
- E. The Shift Supervisor will be contacted after an officer is forced to use the ASP Baton.

.20 Members authorized to carry batons will carry only Department approved batons. Batons will not be altered in any way.

.21 Members are not to slap the palm of their hand with the baton or poke the baton at people as a tool to intimidate.

.22 The approved baton is used by members:

- A. When lesser methods have failed; or
- B. In self-defense or defense of a third party;
 - 1. Blows delivered by a baton are short and snappy and are delivered only to the vulnerable areas of the body which render the opponent temporarily incapacitated but are not intended to cause serious bodily injury. Those vulnerable areas are:



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- a. The instep, ankles and shins;
 - b. The calves, thighs and hips;
 - c. The floating ribs, xiphoid process (the dagger line tip of the sternum) and the manubrium of the sternum (The upper portion connecting the ribs)
 - d. The collar bone, scapula (shoulder blade) and shoulders;
 - e. The biceps and forearms; and
 - f. The wrist and hands.
- .30** The carrying or use of chemical weapons is restricted to members assigned to the Emergency Response Team.
- .40** The carrying or use of electronic stun devices is restricted to members who have successfully completed an approved certification course and have permission from the Chief of Police.
- .50** Members are prohibited from using a `choke` hold (commonly called a bar arm hold) which restricts the airway passage, larynx or voice box.
- .60** The carrying or use of blackjacks or slappers are prohibited.
- .70** It is the responsibility of supervisors to inspect the equipment used by members under their command. Unauthorized, faulty, or damaged equipment is prohibited from use or being carried in the Patrol vehicle or briefcase.