

Merced Police Department, 3130-30995
Less Lethal Weapons – 4 hours

Course Description:

Designed as the fundamental instruction on the use of less lethal weaponry in law enforcement tactical emergencies. Addresses use of force policies, the use of force continuum, fitting less-lethal weaponry within use of force consideration, weapon deployment, tactical considerations, extended range delivery systems, mechanical aspects, and suspect handling after deployment. Written test to identify the students have retained the information learned in the classroom. The practical application of the weapon system ensures the students can manipulate the weapon system and understand its function and capabilities. Range testing is incorporated into the program to ensure proficiency. Students who fail the written exam or the range proficiency will immediately be provided a review of the training and remediation. If the student fails either remediations the student will not pass this course.

THIS COURSE PROVIDES UPDATED LEGISLATIVE CONTENT OF PENAL CODE SECTION 835A.

- I. Use of Force Review
 - a. Department Policy
 - i. Policy
 - ii. Procedure
 - b. Constitutional Cases
 - i. Plakas v. Drinkski
 - ii. Quezada v. County of Bernalillo
 - iii. PC 835A revisions
 - c. Gov. Code 7286
 - i. Deadly Force, Excessive Force, Feasible, Intercede
 - d. AB 48
 - i. Penal Code 16352 amendment
- II. Nomenclature
 - a. Remington 870 Shotgun
 - i. Less Lethal v Standard 12 gauge
 - b. Sage 37mm SL1, SL6, BML
 - c. Type of rounds
 - i. 12 GA Drag stabilized round
 - ii. 37MM K01
 - iii. 37MM BP5
- III. Deployment Factors
 - a. Shot Placement
 - i. Distance
 - ii. Body area impacted
 - iii. Multiple hits
 - iv. Body weight/mass
 - v. Clothing

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- b. Wind conditions
 - i. Direction
 - ii. Speed
 - iii. Compensation
- c. Ballistics
 - i. Velocity
 - ii. Mass
 - iii. Energy Transferred
- d. Self-Control
 - i. Threat Identification
 - ii. Target Acquisition
 - iii. Fire 1-2 rounds, assess
- e. Transitioning
 - i. Cover Officer
 - ii. Malfunction
 - iii. To lethal when necessary
- IV. Weapon Deployment
 - a. Storage and Ammunition
 - i. In vehicle release mechanism
 - 1. Less lethal 12 GA in shotgun rack
 - ii. Ammunition
 - 1. 3-5 12 GA depending on shotgun
 - 2. Sage SL1 -1 ROUND
 - 3. Sage SL6-6 rounds
 - 4. Sage BML- 5 rounds
 - 5. Extra rounds
- V. Tactical Considerations
 - a. Target Identification
 - i. Blunt Trauma
 - ii. Cover/Concealment
 - iii. Lethal Cover
- VI. Suspect Handling After Deployment
 - a. Department Policy/Procedure
 - i. First Aid
 - ii. Medical Requirements
 - b. Documentation
 - i. Events leading up to deployment
 - ii. Suspect actions
 - iii. Number and type of rounds fired
 - iv. Extent of injury
 - v. Recovery and booking of evidence
- VII. Written exam 80% passing score
 - a. Review, Retrain and Remediation if student fails

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- VIII. Practical Application
 - c. Demonstrate
 - i. Loading
 - ii. Unloading
 - d. Drills
 - i. Malfunction Drill
 - ii. Firing Weapon
 - iii. Transition Drills

- IX. Range Testing 80% passing score
 - a. 7 yards
 - b. 15 yards
 - c. 25 yards
 - d. Remediation for students who fail range proficiency