

Santa Clara County Sheriff
Law Enforcement Training

Less Lethal Weapons
2270-30995
Rev. 01/24/2021

Expanded Course Outline

Objective: Upon completion of this course the students will have the necessary knowledge to properly deploy less lethal munitions when reasonable and appropriate to assist with the de-escalation of potentially violent confrontations. This course complies with the legislative content and mandates of AB 392, SB 230 and PC 835a.

Course Hours: 4

I. Less Lethal Weapons

- A. Historical use of less lethal rounds
- B. Department policy
 - 1. Use of force continuum
 - 2. Documentation of less lethal use
 - 3. Safety Policy
- C. Tactical application(s)
- D. Potential for injury
 - 1. Treatment

II. Less Lethal Delivery Weapons and Projectiles

- A. Basic Nomenclature
- B. Safety operation
 - 1. On-Off
- C. 40 mm projectiles
 - 1. Loading and securing procedure
- D. Review of General Orders
 - 1. Modifications to department weapons
- E. AB 392 and SB230/Use of Force Legal Issues
 - 1. Emphasis of de-escalation/tactical repositioning
 - 2. Emphasis on duty to intervene
 - 3. Policy considerations/changes
 - 4. Duty to warn
 - 5. At risk populations
- F. PC 835a
 - 1. Legal requirements of 835a
 - 2. When is a use of force justified?
 - 3. Shall use other available resources and techniques when safe and feasible
 - 4. Totality of the circumstances includes officer conduct leading up to the use of force
 - 5. Definition of imminent
 - 6. Definition of deadly force
 - 7. Definition of feasible
 - 8. Definition of necessary force

III. Weapons Handling and Practical Exercises

- A. Safe handling of weapon
- B. Loading weapon
- C. Secure weapon
- D. Fundamentals of shooting
 - 1. Aim points
 - 2. Distance
 - 3. Threat level
- E. Proficiency drills

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IV. Review / Written Test

- A. Weapon Deployment
 - 1. Prepare weapon for use.
- B. Qualification Course
 - 1. Fire weapon from different distances.
 - 2. Fire weapon while moving.
 - 3. Properly identify target areas.
 - 4. Knowledge of General Orders regarding use of Less Lethal Munitions
 - 5. Ability to disassemble, clean and reassemble the weapon.

Hourly Distribution
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Location: Sheriff's Range
9600 Malech Road
San Jose, CA 95138

HOUR	SUBJECT
1	Less Lethal Weapons
2	Less Lethal Projectiles Less Lethal Delivery Systems
3	Weapon Handling / Practical Exercises
4	Review / Written Test Weapon Deployment / Qualification