

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: 8

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 Projectiles

- A. Flexible
- B. Non-flexible
- C. 12 Ga. Rounds
- D. 37 mm projectiles
- E. 40 mm projectiles

III. Less Lethal Delivery Weapons

- A. Basic Nomenclature
- B. Safety operation
  - 1. On-Off
- C. 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

IV. Weapons Handling / Practical Exercises

- A. Safe handling of weapon

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- B. Loading weapon
  - C. Secure weapon
  - D. Fundamentals of shooting
    - 1. Aim points
    - 2. Distance
    - 3. Threat level
  - E. Proficiency drills
- V. Review / Written Test
- VI. Weapon Deployment / Qualification Course
- A. Prepare weapon for use.
  - B. Fire weapon from different distances.
    - 1. Fire weapon while moving.
  - C. Properly identify target areas.
  - D. Knowledge of General Orders regarding use of Less Lethal Munitions
  - E. 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

<b>HOUR</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
1-2	Less Lethal Weapons
3	Less Lethal Projectiles
4	Less Lethal Delivery Systems
5-6	Weapon Handling / Practical Exercises
7	Review / Written Test
8	Weapon Deployment / Qualification