



# Request for Policy Revision

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This revision applies to Existing Policy

If new, recommended section \_\_\_\_\_

This revision is necessary to comply with Does not apply

Who does this revision affect? Department

This revision does not have an unbudgeted financial impact of \_\_\_\_\_

## **Brief reason for the revision:**

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## **206 Control Devices and Techniques**

### **206.2.3 APPROVED CONTROL DEVICES**

Only Department issued or approved control devices and munitions shall be carried. Only Department approved modifications may be made to any control device.

(a) The control devices approved by the Department are:

1. Baton and/or Impact Weapons (long, short, side-handle or expandable).
2. Chemical Agents (Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray).
3. Kinetic Energy Projectiles and their delivery systems.
4. TASER Device - See General Order 208 (TASER® Guidelines).
5. CS Gas (tear gas)

(a) CS Gas can only be used under conditions that would be appropriate to prevent serious bodily injury or death (e.g. hostage rescue, barricaded subject, officer rescue), or in extreme cases of civil unrest (e.g. large scale property destruction/vandalism, large scale looting).

(b) Only members of SWAT and SRT are authorized to deploy CS Gas.

(c) The decision to deploy CS gas will be made by a Commander or Assistant Chief.

(d) CS Gas shall not be used against people solely exercising their first amendment rights to assemble and/or protest.

(b) Every control device shall be periodically inspected by the employee's supervisor or the designated instructor for a particular control device. All daily inspections, routine maintenance, charging and cleaning shall remain the responsibility of the employee assigned the device.

(c) All damaged, inoperative, or expended control devices shall be returned to the Property Control Office for disposal, repair and/or replacement.

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Reviewed by Policy Vetting Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewed by City Legal ☐

Reviewed by Policy Review Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by Executive Staff on \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Pillar Policy – Additional Training Assigned to ☐ Sworn ☐ Civilian ☐ Both

☐ Approved ☐ Not Approved ☐ Approved with Notations/Revisions

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chief's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_