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PR-24 COLLAPSIBLE BATONS

304.4 - 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to specify the Detroit Police Department (DPD) requirements and training for the PR-24 series batons.

304.4 - 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the DPD that:

- a. Only the Monadnock PR-24, or an equivalent that has been approved by the Chief of Police, may be carried. Only those members who have been trained and are currently certified by the DPD and receive a copy of this directive may carry and use the PR-24, or an approved equivalent. Force used by members shall be in accordance with the DPD’s use of force policies. (Refer to Directive 304.2 [Use of Force] and Training Directive 04-03 [Use of Force Continuum]);
- b. Suspects shall be provided an opportunity to submit to arrest before force is used, unless this causes unnecessary danger to the member or others. Members should attempt to achieve control through advice, warnings, and persuasion;
- c. Members shall be trained in the proper use of force decision making (e.g. reasonable force and de-escalation techniques), and will not be expected to deploy a less lethal option when such deployment is neither appropriate nor likely to be effective. The paramount duty of police officers to protect themselves and the community does not change because of the deployment of less lethal options;
- d. A person shall be struck with a baton only when the subject exhibits active aggression and such action is absolutely necessary for the member’s safety or the safety of another person. A strike to a person’s head with a baton constitutes a use of deadly force; and
- e. Following any use of force resulting in an injury, members shall ensure that appropriate medical aid and/or emergency medical service is rendered as soon as possible.

304.4 PR-24 Collapsible Batons**304.4 - 3 Definitions****304.4 - 3.1 Active Aggression**

Physical actions/assaults against the member or another person with less than deadly force (e.g. advancing, challenging, punching, kicking, grabbing, wrestling, etc.).

304.4 - 3.2 Active Resistance

Any action by a subject that attempts to prevent a member from gaining control of the subject (e.g. pulling/pushing away, blocking, etc.).

304.4 - 3.3 Force

1. The term “force” means the following actions by a member:

- a. Any physical strike or instrumental contact with a person;
- b. Any intentional attempted physical strike or instrumental contact that does not take effect; or
- c. Any significant physical contact that restricts the movement of a person.

2. The term “force” includes the following:

- a. Discharge of firearms;
- b. The use of chemical spray, chokeholds, or hard hands;
- c. The taking of a subject to the ground; or
- d. The deployment of a canine.

3. The term does not include escorting or handcuffing a person with no or minimal resistance. Use of force is lawful if it is objectively reasonable under the circumstances and the minimum amount of force necessary to effect an arrest or protect the member or other person.

304.4 - 3.4 Proper Use of Force Decision Making

The use of reasonable force, including proper tactics and de-escalation techniques.

304.4 - 4 Procedures**304.4 - 4.1 Authorized Batons**

1. The DPD authorizes only the carrying and the use of the Monadnock PR-24 police baton. The Monadnock PR-24 Side Handle Collapsible Baton is a composite material (plastic, aluminum, steel, and nylon), side handle defensive, intermediate weapon. It is capable of defending the user against aggressive attacks of fists, feet, and bludgeon weapons. It may be used in the lower levels of use of force as a response against resistant behavior and at higher levels of less than lethal assaults; and

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2. Members who elect to carry an authorized equivalent to the PR-24 baton must first receive training specific to that equivalent baton. The authorized versions of the PR-24 are the following:
 - a. PR-24 FX, PR-24 control device;
 - b. PR-21 control device; and
 - c. The PR-22 STS.
3. No other PR-24 batons will be authorized or carried except for those entities that are approved to carry the straight baton (Executive Protection and the Special Response Team).

304.4 - 4.2 Members Purchasing other Authorized Batons

1. Any member who elects to carry an authorized equivalent to the PR-24 must prepare an Inter-office memorandum (DPD 568) with the following information:
 - a. The date of purchase; and
 - b. Serial number of the authorized baton that the member will carry in lieu of the Department's PR-24.
2. The Inter-office memorandum shall be approved and endorsed by the member's span of control supervisor and commanding officer.
3. The approved Inter-office memorandum shall be disseminated as follows:
 - a. Original – In member's Personnel File; and
 - b. Copy – Training Center.

304.4 - 4.3 Use

1. Just as members must be prepared to respond appropriately to rising levels of resistance, they must likewise be prepared to immediately de-escalate the use of force, as the subject de-escalates, or comes under the member's control. Often the most appropriate response option to a situation involves de-escalation, disengagement, area containment and/or surveillance, waiting out a subject, summoning reinforcements, or calling in specialized commands. The PR-24 shall only be used in accordance with training and this Department's Use of Force Continuum [Training Directive #04-03] that are summarized as follows:
 - a. Non-Impact Techniques: The baton may be employed in conjunction with weaponless, non-impact control procedures (e.g. escorts, come-alongs, and takedowns), thereby effecting control in the event a subject is actively resisting;

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- b. Impact Techniques: The baton may be used as a defensive impact instrument, when the need for such force is necessary. The baton may be employed in situations where the use of a firearm may not be justified, or necessary, and the member reasonably believes that the use of weaponless methods will be ineffective or will jeopardize the safety of the member or another. A member shall not use the PR-24 baton in a striking movement to gain compliance, absent active aggression by the subject; and
 - c. Psychological De-Escalation: The baton should not be drawn unless its use is justified and articulated. A decision to draw or exhibit a baton must be based on the totality of the circumstances. For example, the drawing of the baton may be reasonable in a situation where a member is entering a bar or other location of prior disturbance calls, or exhibits the baton in a situation where there is an escalating risk to the member's safety. If the situation continues to escalate, the baton can provide a viable method of controlling a suspect and de-escalating the situation. A member shall not unnecessarily display or at any time use any weapon as an intimidation device.
3. Any use of the PR-24 Collapsible Baton must comply with the Detroit Police Department's Use of Force Policy (Refer to Directive 304.2). Members are reminded that use of force is only authorized when it is objectively reasonable and for a lawful purpose.

304.4 - 4.4 Training Required

1. Only those members specifically trained, assigned, and authorized by the Chief of Police shall carry or utilize the PR-24. Members must be trained and certified in its use annually by a certified Monadnock instructor or trainer.
2. Based on the training requirements of Monadnock Police Training Council, members will be required to demonstrate proficiency with the weapon as well as knowledge of the laws and this Department's policies concerning the use of force.
3. The training will consist of the following level:

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- a. 8 hour certification course;
- b. 1 year certification; and
- c. Written and practical, hands on exam (70% written, acceptable skill level on the practical).

Note: Users are required to recertify on the PR-24 based on a four (4) hour recertification course during the Department's 40 Hour Training session.

304.4 - 5 Modifications

Members are prohibited from modifying, affixing any attachment, grip, extension or other equipment, to any Department issued or approved PR-24.

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Periodic cleaning with warm, soapy water is suggested to remove any accumulated dirt, film, or sweat residue from all surfaces, then use a soft cloth to dry all surfaces. Keep short handle attachment screw on expandable (or rigid) models tight by using supplied wrench and follow all other recommended maintenance procedures. For any repair or replacement of the Department issued PR-24, members should contact Firearms Inventory.

304.4 - 7 Inspections

1. Supervisors are to inspect PR-24 certification cards of all members assigned to their command. The following information shall be included on the supervisor's monthly inspection report:
 - a. Expiration dates shall be checked;
 - b. If a member's certification is expired, the supervisor shall inquire when the member is scheduled for recertification training;
 - c. All members shall attend PR-24 recertification training once each 40 Hour Training year. The supervisor shall indicate on the inspection report the member's upcoming recertification date; and
 - d. The member's span of control supervisor shall ensure that members attend recertification training on the PR-24 yearly.

304.4 - 8 Reporting Requirements**304.4 - 8.1 Use of Force Reporting – General**

1. A member shall immediately notify a dispatcher for a non-involved supervisor to respond to the scene for the following:
 - a. For any use of force or detainee injury;
 - b. Any visible sign or injury; or
 - c. A complaint of injury.
2. Members shall refer to Directive 201.11, Use of Force/Detainee Injury Reporting/Investigation and Directive 304.2, Use of Force, for proper reporting requirements.

Related Policies:

- Directive 201.11 - Use of Force/Detainee Injury Reporting/Investigation
- Directive 304.2 - Use of Force
- Training Directive #04-03 - Use of Force Continuum

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Forms and Reports:

- Use of Force/Detainee Injury Report (UF-002)