

Glossary of Terms

Purpose: The following are community-friendly, layman descriptions of the Police Department's Force Options outline in Operations Order 1.5 – Use of Force

Physical control techniques: Physical interaction meant to escort, handcuff, separate, guide, and/or control subjects that is not intended to or is not reasonably likely to cause injury. These techniques often use pain compliance with a low probability of injury.

Joint Locks: Technique involving the manipulation of an individual's joints in such a way that gains compliance from an individual.

Wrist Locks: A joint lock applied to the wrist of individual.

Pressure Points: Location(s) on the human body that, when pressure is applied, will cause temporary discomfort to the subject to make him/her compliant to certain specific arrest and control techniques

The Smear: Manipulating an individual's infraorbital pressure point (nose area) with an open hand to cause discomfort and take the head out of anatomical alignment.

The Harness: A control and take down technique that places the individual in a position of disadvantage, while minimizing injury to the subject or officer. This technique is the basis for many of the primary handcuffing positions.

Spit Sock: A Department approved light weight mesh material applied over a subject's head and face. This will be used on a subject who is, or is threatening to spit on officers. When the spit sock is used correctly, neither vision nor breathing is impaired.

RIPP restraint: Restraining device used to bind an individual's feet/ankle to prevent them from kicking.

Tripping / Tackling: A physical technique used to stop an individual from running / fleeing.

PGP (Pointed Gun at Person): Pointing a lethal firearm in the direction of an individual.

Irritants: Substances that irritate the eyes and mucous membranes of anyone exposed to the substance.

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray: Irritant made from the oily resin derivative of chili peppers that effects eyes, nose and skin. This is the handheld canister carried on the belt of patrol officers. (Pepper spray)

OC Mark-9 Pepper Fogger (MK9): Same as OC Spray, but in larger canister. This is still a handheld canister, carried in patrol cars of supervisors. These canisters are larger in size and can be deployed at greater distances. (Pepper spray)

PepperBall: Non-lethal projectile that is designed to burst upon impact. Upon contact the projectile disperses a large cloud of irritant (Pava-powder is an irritant with a similar texture to baby powder) that effects eyes, nose, and skin.

Repuls: Water based chemical irritant (similar to OC Spray) that is designed to allow the subject to recover with the use of only water and recovery is much quicker than that of the traditional OC Spray. (Currently Pilot Program Only)

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Smoke: Smoke can be used as a distractionary tool as well as a means to gauge environmental factors prior to deployment of OC or CS.

CN/CS gas: Similar as OC, CS is an irritant that can be dispersed into an environment through a canister which effects subjects in proximity (tear gas). Department currently does not use CN gas.

Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW): A weapon designed to discharge electrical impulses to temporarily immobilize a person, i.e. Taser.

Drive Stun: A CEW (Taser) technique where the probes are not discharged, and the energy is focused on an small specific area causing pain compliance only.

Probe deployment: A CEW (Taser) discharged when the probes are deployed. When successful, the CEW will cause neuromuscular incapacitation on the individual.

Hard Empty Hand Techniques: Bodily force techniques that have a higher probability of injury.

Impact Weapons

Expandable Baton: Handheld tool which can be carried on an officer's duty belt. Upon deployment, the baton can expand open.

Less Lethal Launchers / Direct Impact Munitions: A delivery tool that, when used as designed and intended, is less likely to cause death or Serious Physical Injury than a lethal weapon.

37mm / 40mm Launchers: Less-lethal launcher that deploys a foam baton projectile that is designed to gain compliance from an individual.

PepperBall Launcher: Non-lethal launcher that deploys a hard-plastic projectile that is designed to burst upon impact. Phoenix policy only allows Pava irritant to be deployed.

Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD): A device used to audibly provide directions and commands.