NOVA SCOTIA
Department of Justice

005.00 IMPACT WEAPON (BATON)

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005.02 The police agency is to have a written policy and operational procedure for all operational police officers in the use and deployment of police agency impact weapons (batons).

005.03 Operational or administrative policy and procedure approved by the police agency is to include and demonstrate:

(a)   operational police officers are to be issued an impact weapon (baton) as approved by the police agency

(b)   operational police officers are to only use the police agency approved and issued impact weapon (baton) in the line of duty

(c)   an impact weapon (baton) is only to be used in the execution of police officer duty; and where risk from aggression, violence or other reasonable conditions exist given the articulation of circumstances are in the interests of public or officer safety

(d)   operational police officers are only to deploy the impact weapon (baton) in keeping with the police agency approved use of force policy and training

(e)   operational police officers deploying an impact weapon (baton) in the line of duty are to file a written report with the police agency as soon as reasonably possible, and any such report is to be reviewed by a police agency supervisor

(f)   safe storage and cleaning requirement

005.04 The police agency is to assure all operational police officers have received training from a recognized and certified police or subject matter instructor specific to the police agency approved impact weapon (baton), prior to a police officer performing operational duties.

005.05 The police agency is to assure all operational police officers have received training and/or re-certification training from a recognized and certified police or subject matter instructor specific to the police agency approved impact weapon (baton), as required and police officer certification is not to exceed every 36 months.

005.06 The police agency is to maintain records of impact weapon (baton) training and certifications.