
LAURENS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

SOP# T-040

PAGE # 1

SUBJECT: NON-LETHAL WEAPONS

INDEX AS: BATON: NIGHT STICK:

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/3/2006 REVISED DATE:

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the use and caring of the defensive baton.

II. SCOPE:

This policy applies to all sworn Law Enforcement personnel of the Laurens County Law Enforcement Center in the use of the defensive baton.

III. POLICY:

- A. Personnel are allowed to carry a defensive baton if it is approved by the Sheriff.
- B. Deputies are to use the baton in a defensive manner to protect citizens and Law Enforcement officers from physical attack or to overcome actual physical resistance to arrest.
- C. A baton is to be used only as a non-lethal defensive weapon.

IV. PROCEDURES:

- A. Deputies shall be trained periodically, as mandated by the Ga. P.O.S.T. council, in the use of the defensive

baton.

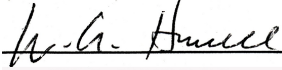
LAURENS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

SOP # T-040

PAGE # 2

- B. The following areas and techniques will not be accepted as defensive techniques and will not be considered proper use of the baton.
1. Strikes to the following areas:
 - a. Head and face;
 - b. Heart area;
 - c. Spine;
 - d. Kidneys;
 - e. Direct frontal blow to knee cap;
 - f. Solar plexus.
 2. The only exceptions to the examples listed above will be in life or death situations.
- C. Anytime the defensive baton is used in any way, where the possibility of injury exists, circumstances of the use of force will be detailed in the Incident Report and notification of the immediate Supervisor.
- D. Any person that has been injured, through the use of the baton technique, will be taken to the hospital for examination as soon as possible, and prior to booking if the subject has just been arrested.
- E. In the event that a Deputy uses his/her baton while assisting another Agency, he/she must notify their immediate Supervisor.


W. A. HARRELL
SHERIFF

2/3/2006

EFFECTIVE DATE: