



FREEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER 9.30

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SUBJECT: USE OF IMPACT WEAPONS		
DISTRIBUTION: TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT		
ISSUING AUTHORITY: MIGUEL BERMUDEZ, CHIEF OF POLICE		

Policy: The policy of the Police Department is to prevent crime and arrest offenders while protecting human life. In situations where it is necessary to engage in the lawful use of force, officers will use force based upon the totality of circumstances using a reasonable and necessary standard to effectively bring an incident or person under control.

Purpose: To establish procedures for the use of impact weapons by officers to stop and control individuals when it is reasonable and necessary to use force.

Scope: All members of the Freeport Police Department

I. Rules

A. *Officers* will not use force except as provided by law.

II. Use of Impact Weapon

A. *Determines* the use of force is reasonable and necessary to control a person and *evaluates* the use of an impact weapon.

Note: The totality of circumstances should be considered when deciding the force necessary to overcome resistance when trying to maintain control of a person or to effect an arrest.

- B. *Requests* assistance, as necessary.
- C. *Uses* a Department-authorized impact weapon in accordance with training.
- D. *Restrains* the subject once compliance is met.
- E. *Administers* first aid, if necessary.
- F. *Initiates* necessary procedures such as response to:
 - 1. Aided Case
 - 2. Mentally Disabled Persons
 - 3. Arrest Processing
- G. If a physical injury or death results, *notifies* a supervisor

III. Reporting Use of Impact Weapon

- A. *Prepares* a Freeport Police Department Use of Force Report, when an impact weapon is used.
- B. Copies of the aforementioned Use of Force Report will be forwarded to the Chief of Police and the Commanding Officer of the Firearms and Tactics Section for review to ensure compliance with policy and to identify the need, if any, for further training.

BY ORDER OF:

MIGUEL BERMUDEZ
CHIEF OF POLICE