

METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Nashville, Tennessee

GENERAL ORDER

SUBJECT: ASP Expandable Baton	AMENDS:	RESCINDS: S.O. 91-5
REFERENCE: CALEA 1.3.7 & 1.3.13	EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1992	DISTRIBUTION CODE: "C" All Personnel

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this order is to establish policy and procedure attending the ASP Expandable Baton.

II. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

The ASP Expandable Baton is approved for carrying by sworn personnel, provided the following criteria are complied with:

- A. The officer has completed the eight (8) hour ASP certification course on his/her own time. A copy of the qualification certificate shall be placed in Academy files by firearms/use of force instructors at the Metro Training Academy.
- B. Academy instructors shall note certification on the back of semi-auto carry cards. The card will be issued to any officer needing one for this purpose.
- C. The only baton officers are authorized to carry is the twenty-one (21) inch, black finish, with foam grips.
- D. Both the baton and an approved holster (scabbard) may be obtained from the supply vendor by means of the annual uniform allowance.
- E. When carried, the baton will be secured in the approved holster which is appropriate for the apparel being worn by the officer. When in uniform, the holster will be made part of the utility belt assembly. The finish of the holster must correspond with the finish of the belt and other component parts of the belt assembly (i.e. plain leather holster with plain leather belt; clarino finish holster with clarino finish belt). Fabric type holsters will not be worn with the utility belt assembly, but may be worn with non-uniform apparel.
- F. For purposes of continuing evaluation, each use of the ASP Baton (even display, where baton is extended in a confrontational situation) shall be reported on a Supplement Report (MPD Form 104), and forwarded to Training.
- G. Should any use of the baton constitute "use of force," as currently prescribed, then a Use of Force Report (MPD Form 108) will also be completed and forwarded to the Office of the Chief of Police.

Robert E. Kirchner, Jr., Chief of Police

I have read and fully understand the above order.

REK/BWR:bp
P & R #92-91

Employee Signature

Date