

## CHAPTER NINE

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# A LOOK AT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT



### **There's Something For Almost Every Law Enforcement Need These Days!**

During the past two decades there have been literally hundreds, perhaps thousands, of tools and devices developed for the law enforcement officer. The so-called impact weapon has been in vogue for some time now. Nightstick has virtually slipped from our vocabulary.

One of the most ingenious and convenient impact weapons developed to date is the ASP Tactical Baton by Armament Systems and Procedures, Box 1794, Appleton, WI 54912. The ASP is a collapsible baton that is available in several lengths: 6 to 16, 7 to 16, 8 to 21 and 9 to 26 inches. It is available in chrome or black finish and easily carried in a leather scabbard on the belt.

The ASP Tactical Baton is an excellent impact weapon for the plainclothes officer. In its collapsed state, it is easily concealed. It is not likely to be detected even by a trained eye, hence it is practical for undercover assignments. Bailiffs and court officials who prefer to convey a passive appearance also will find the ASP suitable.

*The ASP Tactical Baton is extended for use and can be used as an intermediate force weapon. Some feel that the greatest value is as a psychological deterrent weapon.*



*Straight design or side handle batons still are favored in some law enforcement jurisdictions. The front break carrier is practical and quick to use in releasing the baton, which will not fall out even when one is running.*

The ASP is brought to the ready by a sharp flick of the wrist and its mere appearance has proven to be a deterrent. The resounding “clack” of the ASP baton locking into battery has proved to be as psychologically effective as racking the action of a pump shotgun. The ASP Baton is that heretofore missing step in our continuum of force. It nearly fills that gap between hand-to-hand combat and deadly force.

The ASP Baton is made of high strength steel with a Rockwell hardness of 55C, yet is light enough that it will not crush bone. It will generate fluid shock waves that reach bone deep.



*Supreme Court decisions have mandated that police training be realistic. As a result, training batons and bags allow contact during the training of officers.*

*ASP cases are constructed from premium leather, stitched at the corners with nylon cord. These scabbards feature a recessed, one-direction snap and are available in black or cordovan, plain or basketweave, high lustre.*

