

32.4 Use of Less Lethal Substances/Devices

TRAINING

STANDARD 32.4 **The agency has a written directive that requires officers be trained in the proper use of less lethal substances, and other devices in which they did not receive training in the basic course for police officers. All officers using these less lethal substances and other devices must successfully complete an initial training course prior to issuance, and annual training thereafter.**

Commentary: Training is important to ensure the proper use of these less lethal substances and devices. Examples of less lethal substances and devices include but are not limited to: chemical (pepper spray), electrical (stun devices and projectiles), kinetic energy projectiles (shot bags and ring airfoil projectiles), nets (baton and projectile launched) and fleeing vehicle interdiction mechanisms.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interviews with agency personnel to verify their knowledge of and compliance with the directive.
3. Review agency training records to verify compliance with the standard.