



# OFFICE OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF

Montgomery County, Maryland

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## GENERAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

<u>Subject:</u>	<u>Number:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
Expandable Baton	3.01.C	10/08/20

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### **I. Expandable Baton**

- A. The Expandable Baton is a protective instrument that may be used in accordance with General Operational Procedures 3.01, Use of Force.
- B. The issued expandable baton is the ASP, Model F-21B, 8 inches closed, 21 inches open, foam handle, black baton.
- C. *The expandable baton may be worn or carried at the discretion of individual deputies.*

### **II. Use of the Expandable Baton**

- A. In the event an on duty deputy uses the baton, the deputy is responsible for:
  - (1) Providing first aid for any injured individual.
  - (2) Notifying the on duty Sheriff's Office supervisor.
  - (3) Completing and submitting an Incident Report (MCSO9), and a Use of Force Report (MCSO2) to their supervisor, prior to the end of their tour of duty.
- B. An off-duty deputy who utilizes the baton in a use of force incident must immediately, after clearing from the incident scene, contact their Section Lieutenant, Duty Commander or the highest-ranking deputy on duty and provide a detailed account of the incident. The Section Lieutenant, Duty Commander or the highest-ranking deputy on duty will determine whether the deputy will immediately report to the Sheriff's Office to complete the required reports based on the seriousness of the incident and the practicality of reporting to the Office. If the deputy is not required to report to the Office, the deputy will report to their Section Lieutenant on their next scheduled workday and complete the Incident Report (MCSO9) and Use of Force Report (MCSO2).
- C. All reports regarding the use of the baton will be reviewed in accordance with General Operational Procedures 3.01, Use of Force.

### **III. Training**

- A. Prior to being issued or authorized to carry the expandable baton, deputies must:
  - (1) ***Review and sign for this directive; and***
  - (2) Successfully complete an approved user certification course.
- B. In addition to the initial certification, a re-certification course must be successfully completed at least once every two years. ***These courses must be instructed by a certified defensive tactics or expandable baton instructor.***

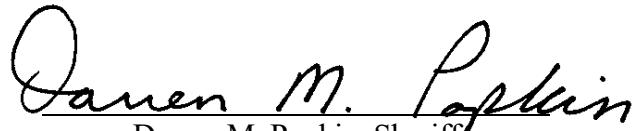
### **IV. Inspection & Care**

- A. Deputies must inspect their baton thoroughly, prior to carrying. This inspection must include:
  - (1) Checking the foam grip to ensure it is not torn or coming loose,
  - (2) Checking the rod for rusting, and,
  - (3) Checking the tip and butt cap to ensure that it is secure.
- B. If the baton is used during an incident or the baton strikes any hard object, deputies must inspect the weapon thoroughly for damage.
- C. Always store the baton in a dry place and protect the baton from moisture. If it gets wet, dry it thoroughly.
- D. Inoperable or damaged batons ***must be obtained from the property custodian after submission of a completed Request for Replacement Equipment/Uniform Form (MCSO147).***

### **V. Cancellation**

This directive cancels and replaces General Operational Procedure 3.01.C, Effective Date: ***05/20/15***.

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