

## Restraint Device (BolaWrap 100)

### 307.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the issuance and use of the BolaWrap 100 devices in order to minimize the risk of injury to suspects, subjects, and officers.

### 307.2 POLICY

The Foster City Police Department authorizes the use of the BolaWrap 100 device in accordance with this policy, the Use of Force Policy and Department training. The BolaWrap 100 device is a handheld device intended to immobilize and control resistive/non-compliant persons and persons with known or suspected mental health issues that may affect the person's ability to understand and follow instructions.

### 307.3 ISSUANCE AND CARRYING BOLAWRAP 100 DEVICES

The following guidelines shall be adhered to:

- A. Only a Department-approved BolaWrap 100 device that has been issued by the Department shall be utilized by personnel.
- B. Only members who have successfully completed Department-approved training may be issued and can carry the BolaWrap 100 device.
- C. All BolaWrap 100 devices shall be clearly distinctly marked to differentiate them from the duty weapon and any other device.
- D. Uniformed officers who have been issued the BolaWrap 100 device shall ensure the device is securely attached on their person or safely secured in their patrol vehicle.
- E. Non-uniformed officers may secure the device in their assigned or checked out Department vehicle.
- F. Officers shall be responsible for ensuring that their issued BolaWrap 100 device is properly maintained and in good working order.
- G. Officers should not hold both a firearm and the BolaWrap 100 device at the same time.
- H. Officers shall ensure that the BolaWrap 100 devices are secured in a manner that will keep the device inaccessible to others.

### 307.4 VERBAL AND VISUAL WARNINGS

A verbal warning of the intended use of the BolaWrap 100 device should precede its application, unless it would otherwise endanger the safety of officers or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances.

The purpose of the warning is to:

- A. Provide the individual with a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply.
- B. Provide other officers and individuals with a warning that the BolaWrap 100 device may be deployed.

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The aiming laser should never be intentionally directed into the eyes of another as it may permanently impair his/her vision.

The fact that a verbal warning or other warning was given or the reasons it was not given, shall be documented by the officer deploying the BolaWrap 100 device in the related report.

### **307.5 USE OF THE BOLAWRAP 100 DEVICE**

The BolaWrap 100 device has limitations and restrictions requiring consideration before its use. The device should only be used when its operator can safely approach the subject within the operational range of the device. Although the BolaWrap 100 device is generally effective in controlling most individuals, officers should be aware that the device may not achieve the intended results and should be prepared to employ other options.

#### **307.5.1 APPLICATION OF THE BOLAWRAP 100 DEVICE**

The BolaWrap 100 device may be used in any of the following circumstances, the circumstances perceived by the officer at the time indicate that such application is reasonably necessary to control a person.

- A. The subject is violent or is physically resisting
- B. The subject has demonstrated by words or action, an intention to be violent or to physically resist, and reasonably appears to present the potential to harm officers, himself/herself or others.

When deciding whether to use the BolaWrap 100 device, officers should carefully balance officer safety concerns with factors that include, but are not limited to:

- A. The circumstances of the crime leading to the arrest or detention.
- B. The demeanor and behavior of the arrested or detained person.
- C. The age and health of the person.
- D. Whether the person is known to be pregnant.
- E. Whether the person has any other apparent physical disability.

The BolaWrap 100 device shall not be used to psychologically torment, elicit statements or to punish any individual.

#### **307.5.2 SPECIAL DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

The use of the BolaWrap 100 device on certain individuals should be avoided unless the totality of the circumstances indicates that other available options would likely be ineffective or would present greater danger to the officer, the subject or others, and the officer reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the risk of using the device. These individuals include:

- A. Individuals who are known to be pregnant.
- B. Elderly individuals.
- C. Obvious juveniles.

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- D. Individuals detained in a police vehicle.
- E. Individuals in danger of falling or becoming entangled in machinery or heavy equipment, which could result in death or serious bodily injury.
- F. Individuals near any body of water that may present a drowning risk.
- G. Individuals whose position or activity may result in collateral injury (e.g., running, possible fall from high location, operating vehicles).

### 307.5.3 TARGET CONSIDERATIONS

Reasonable efforts should be made to target the lower legs and area of the forearms, and to avoid the head, neck, eyes, and groin. If the dynamics of a situation or officer safety factors do not permit the officer to limit the application of the BolaWrap 100 device to a precise target area, officers should monitor the condition of the subject if it strikes the head, neck, eyes, or groin until the subject is examined by paramedics or other medical personnel.

### 307.5.4 MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS TO BOLAWRAP 100 DEVICE

If the first application of the BolaWrap 100 device appears to be ineffective in gaining control of an individual, the officer should consider certain factors before attempting an additional application of the device, including:

- A. Whether the Kevlar cord or pellets/barbs are making proper contact.
- B. Whether the individual has the ability and has been given a reasonable opportunity to comply.
- C. Whether verbal commands, other commands, other options or tactics may be more effective.

### 307.5.5 ACTIONS FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT

Following the use of the BolaWrap 100 device:

- A. When safe to do so, personnel shall use a more secure and permanent restraint device, such as handcuffs.
- B. Personnel shall request a supervisor to the scene.
- C. The supervisor or officer shall determine whether transporting the person to a medical facility is necessary to remove the pellet/bars.
- D. If the supervisor determines that removal of the Kevlar cord is appropriate at the scene, the supervisor or officer may remove the Kevlar cord using a department issued BolaWrap 100 cutter.

## **307.6 REPORTING THE USE OF THE BOLAWRAP100**

Any deployment of the BolaWrap 100 device by a member of this department shall be documented promptly, completely, accurately, and in accordance with this Department's policies, procedure or law. The officers should articulate the factors perceived and why he/she believed the deployment was reasonable under the circumstances.

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### 307.6.1 DOCUMENTATION

Officers shall document all BolaWrap 100 device discharges in the related arrest/crime report and in a Use of Force Form. Notification shall also be made to a supervisor in compliance with the Use of Force Policy. Unintentional discharges, pointing the device at a person and laser activation will also be documented on the report form.

### 307.6.2 REPORTS

The officer should include the following in the report:

- A. Identification of the recipient of the BolaWrap 100 deployment.
- B. Identification of all personnel deploying/firing BolaWrap 100 devices.
- C. Identification of any/all witnesses.
- D. Any injuries that may have been sustained during the deployment of the BolaWrap 100 device.
- E. Medical care provided to the subject.
- F. Observations of the subject's physical and physiological actions, which led to the use of the BolaWrap 100 device.
- G. Whether the subject was known or suspected to have been under the influence or effected by drug use at the time of the incident, been intoxicated at the time of the incident or was effected by other medical problems at the time of the incident.

### **307.7 MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Any individual who falls under any of the following categories should be examined by paramedics or other qualified medical personnel as soon as is practicable:

- A. The person is suspected of being under the influence of controlled substances and/or alcohol.
- B. The person may be pregnant.
- C. The person reasonably appears to be in need of medical attention.
- D. The BolaWrap 100 device pellets/barbs are lodged in a sensitive area (e.g., groin, female breast, eyes, head, face, neck).
- E. The person requests medical treatment.

If any individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal should be witnessed by another officer and/or medical personnel and shall be fully documented in related reports. If a recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included in the recording if possible.

### **307.8 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

A supervisor should respond to all incidents where the BolaWrap 100 device was activated. A supervisor should review each incident where a person has been exposed to an activation of he

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BolaWrap 100. Photographs should be taken, including if the skin is penetrated, and witnesses interviewed.

### **307.9 OFF-DUTY CONSIDERATIONS**

Officers are not authorized to carry Department BolaWrap 100 devices while off-duty.

### **307.10 TRAINING**

Personnel who are authorized to carry the BolaWrap 100 device shall be permitted to do so only after successfully completing the initial Department-approved training. Proficiency training for personnel who have been issued a BolaWrap 100 device should occur every two years. A reassessment of an officer's knowledge and/or practical skill may be required at any time if deemed appropriate by the Training Lieutenant. All training and proficiency for BolaWrap 100 devices will be documented in the officer's training file.

Command staff, supervisors and investigators should receive BolaWrap 100 device training as appropriate for the investigations they conduct and review. All training and proficiency for BolaWrap 100 devices will be documented in the officers' training file.

Officers who do not carry a BolaWrap 100 device shall receive training that is sufficient to familiarize them with the device and with working with officers who use the device.

The Training Lieutenant is responsible for ensuring that all members who carry a BolaWrap 100 device have received initial and proficiency training. Periodic audits shall be used for verification.

Application of BolaWrap 100 devices during training could result in injury to personnel and should not be mandatory for certification.

The Training Lieutenant should ensure that all training includes:

- A. A review of this policy.
- B. A review of the Use of Force Policy.
- C. Target area considerations, to include techniques or options to reduce the unintentional application of pellet/barbs near the head, neck, eyes, chest, and groin.
- D. Handcuffing a subject during the application of the BolaWrap 100 device and transitioning to other force options.
- E. De-escalation techniques.
- F. Restraint techniques do not impair respiration following the application of the BolaWrap 100 device.