

Use of Defensive Baton

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Alberta Provincial Statutes: Peace Officer Act/Regulation

POLICY STATEMENT : The Town of Westlock recognizes there are circumstances where Community Peace Officers may need to use a defensive baton to facilitate a defensive position in the execution of their duties.

PURPOSE : The Town Manager is authorized to approve the carrying and use of defensive baton by Community Peace Officers.

GUIDELINES / PROCEDURES / RESPONSIBILITIES:

1.0 QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.0** The issue of defensive baton to a Community Peace Officer is condition upon;
- a)** Authorization of their Appointment as issued by the Alberta Solicitor General.
 - b)** Successful completion of a training course on a use of force model recognized by the Public Security Division.
 - c)** The Community Peace Officer being certified and/or recertified in the use of the defensive baton by a qualified instructor.

2.0 APPROVED USES

- a)** The defensive baton must only be used as a defensive tool and should not be applied to facilitate an arrest unless other means are not available.
- b)** A defensive baton may be utilized to control an attack or threat of an attack from any animals.

3.0 PROCEDURES

- a)** The defensive baton issued to a Community Peace Officer shall be a style that utilizes centrifugal force.
- b)** The defensive baton must be worn in the issue scabbard.

- c) Community Peace Officers who are carrying authorized batons:
 - i. Must check their baton on a weekly basis for the following;
 - a) Wear and tear on the foam grip
 - b) Bent shaft and stress fractures
 - c) Abrasions on the tip or a loose tip
 - d) Secure butt cap.
- d) May make minor adjustments to the retaining clip and O-ring to ensure the proper opening and closing capabilities.
- e) Report a defective baton requiring repair or replacement to the Supervisor.
- f) Ensure that when off-duty, the baton is secured in a locked cabinet within the office. If a Community Peace Officer goes off shift at their resident, the defensive baton must be secured within a locked cabinet.
- e) Community Peace Officer shall only use the defensive baton which is supplied by the Town of Westlock and issued by the Supervisor.

4.0 REPORT ON USE

- 4.1 A Community Peace Officer involved in a an occurrence where a defensive baton was utilized by either himself or another Community Peace Officer must;
 - a) Complete a standard incident report outlining the circumstance surrounding the use of the defensive baton and provide a copy of the report to the Supervisor and the Solicitor General Public Security.
- 4.2 The Supervisor shall notify the Town Manager in writing, of the circumstance surround the use of a defensive baton.



Darrell Garceau, Town Manager



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