

## 206 Control Devices and Techniques

### 206.5 KINETIC ENERGY PROJECTILES

#### 206.5.1 DEPLOYMENT

#### 206.5.2 VERBAL WARNINGS

#### 206.5.3 EXAMPLES OF CIRCUMSTANCES APPROPRIATE FOR DEPLOYMENT

Examples include, but are not limited to, the following types of situations where the subject:

- (a) Is armed with a weapon and the tactical circumstances allow for the safe application of approved munitions.
- (b) Has made credible threats or is actively attempting to harm himself or others.
- (c) Is engaged in riotous behavior ~~or is related to or consisting of~~ throwing rocks, bottles, or other dangerous projectiles at people and/or officers, buildings, or vehicles, creating a high risk for substantial injury or property damage.
- (d) There is reasonable suspicion to believe that the subject has already committed a crime of violence and is refusing to comply with lawful orders.

#### 206.5.4 ADDITIONAL DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- (a) Before discharging projectiles, the officer should consider the following factors:
  - 1. The subject's capability to pose an imminent threat to the safety of officers or others.
  - 2. Whether the subject is actively resisting arrest or attempting to evade arrest by flight.
  - 3. The credibility of the subject's threat as evaluated by the officers present, and the subject's physical capacity/capability to carry out the threat.
  - 4. The availability of other force options and their possible effectiveness.
  - 5. Distance and angle to target.
  - 6. Type of munitions employed.
  - 7. Type and thickness of subject's clothing.
  - 8. The subject's actions dictate the need for an immediate response and the use of control devices appears appropriate.
- (b) The use of Kinetic Energy Projectiles should generally be avoided in the following situations unless the totality of the circumstances indicate that other available options reasonably appear ineffective, impractical, and the officer reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the risk of using the Kinetic Energy Projectile.
  - 1. As a breaching tool for windows in vehicles, especially when the vehicle is occupied.
  - 2. As a breaching tool for windows of a structure, especially if it places occupants at risk of injury.
  - 3. On obviously pregnant females, elderly individuals, obvious juveniles, individuals who are handcuffed or otherwise restrained, or individuals whose position or activity may result in serious collateral injury (e.g., falls from height, operating vehicles).
- (c) An officer who is currently assigned to Special Operations Command and who has been trained in the use of Kinetic Energy Projectiles as a breaching tool may use that technique in a way that is consistent with their training.
- (d) Kinetic Energy Projectiles shall not be used for crowd control (e.g. demonstrations).
- (e) Kinetic Energy Projectiles shall not be fired into a crowd.