



# POLICY AND PROCEDURE

# NO.400.6

## Kinetic Energy Impact Projectiles Less-Lethal Shotgun Guidelines

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### 1. PURPOSE:

To provide sworn members of the Worcester Police Department with guidelines in the use of the Kinetic Energy Projectiles.

### 2. POLICY:

It is the policy of the Worcester Police Department that the use of the Kinetic Energy Projectiles on a person is in compliance with this protocol and the Worcester Police Use of Force Policy (Policy #400).

### 3. PROCEDURES:

1. The authorized / preferred kinetic energy impact system of the W.P.D is a designated 12 gauge 870-style shotgun (clearly marked by the color orange).
2. The projectile shall be a sock style projectile (i.e the CTS Super Sock and Federal Labs Drag Stabilized projectiles).  
NOTE: Flat square projectiles beanbag projectiles will NOT be used.
3. Only sworn members of the Department that have been trained and certified in the Less-Lethal Shotgun are authorized to deploy and discharge kinetic energy impact systems.
4. The trained qualified operator has the right and obligation to decline orders to deploy the system in an improper, illegal or in an excessively dangerous manner.
5. Each shot will be aimed using the fixed sites of the weapon. NOTE: Random firing into crowds, firing from the hip and other deployments that do not involve a well-aimed shot are prohibited.
6. Targeting areas for kinetic energy impact projectiles will follow the Escalation of Trauma Chart. Primary target will be green areas.
7. The potential for death or serious bodily injury exists. Red areas shall only be targeted when deadly force would be appropriate and or acceptable.

### 4. MEDICAL ATTENTION:

Officers shall render medical aid within their level of training, when tactically feasible, and call for medical attention at the scene.

**5. REPORTING PROCEDURES:**

The use of a Less-Lethal Shotgun is a reportable Use of Force. See policy # 400, **Use of Force** (section X, Reporting Use of Force Incidents).

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*Gary J. Gemme*

Chief of Police