


<p>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</p>  <p>General Order Number: 12.04</p>	<p>Date of Issue</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Effective Date</p> <p>2/23/2016</p>	<p>Revision Date</p>
<p>Subject: EXANDABLE BATON TRAINING</p>	<p>Amends:</p>	<p>Rescinds:</p>	
<p>Index as: Expandable Baton Training Training Unit</p>	<p>State Certification Standards: 1.14, 1.18</p>		

PURPOSE

The purpose of this General Order is to prescribe the policies and procedures of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office regarding the training in Expandable Batons

STATEMENT OF POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that all deputies who are required to do so will attend and successfully complete training on the use of the Expandable Baton and/or ASP baton.

DISCUSSION

The training and use of a police baton is an important element in a deputy's training in that the police baton is an effective tool that the deputy can use to successfully complete his or her assigned duties. It is also very important that the deputy be trained in the proper techniques in order to use the police baton in a lawful manner.

DEFINITIONS

EXPANDABLE POLICE BATON — A police baton that a deputy is able to carry on his or her gun belt and that can be rapidly expanded to the full length for usage.

ASP — Trade and copyright name of a type of Expandable Police Baton authorized for use by officers of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office.

I. GENERAL PROCEDURES

- A. The Police Expandable Baton is the type of expandable police baton authorized for use by deputies of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office while working in an on-duty or extra-duty assignment.
- B. All deputies who are authorized to carry the Police Expandable Baton while employed by the Rabun County Sheriff's Office will, before being issued the baton:
 - 1. Successfully complete training in the departmental Use Of Force Policy and how the use of the Police Expandable Baton relates to said policy;
 - 2. Be issued copies of the Use Of Force Policy and documentation made of such issue;
 - 3. Successfully complete the required block of instruction in the proper techniques in using the Police Expandable Baton; and
 - 4. Successfully complete a skills test demonstrating that the deputy is qualified to carry Police Expandable Baton.
- C. Deputies who are authorized to carry the Police Expandable Baton are required to successfully complete a re-certification class every year to maintain their certification. Any deputy who fails to complete the re-certification class or fails to attend the re-certification class is not authorized to carry the Police Expandable Baton until he or she successfully completes the re-certification class.
- D. All training in the Police Expandable Baton will be conducted by a certified instructor and will be placed in the deputy's training file.



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