

## RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE OR ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR

---

### LESS LETHAL SHOTGUNS AND 40MM LAUNCHERS

---

**Purpose:** This policy aims to specify the North Little Rock Police Department's official policy concerning the use of less-lethal shotguns and 40mm weapons.

**Policy:** It is the policy of the North Little Rock Police Department to provide for the use of less-lethal options by on-duty sworn members trained and certified in the use of less-lethal ammunition. It is recognized that "less-lethal" does not mean "non-lethal." Therefore, less-lethal weapons will be employed only when an officer has been trained and certified where applicable in the proper use of the weapon/device. All deployments must be consistent with departmental response to resistance/assaultive behavior training and policy. [CALEA 4.1.4]

#### Summary of Changes:

#### Procedure:

##### 1. Responsibility

- 1.1 Less-lethal options will be employed only when the officer reasonably believes it is necessary to affect an arrest or gain control of a situation. Other means of force may or may not have been deployed.
- 1.2 Less-lethal action is intended for incidents that may not or cannot be resolved using other means of force as well as riot situations.

##### 2. Employment of Less-Lethal Ammunition

- 2.1 The less-lethal shotgun/40mm operator or safety officer will inform the supervisor and other officers in the immediate area of the code word "orange" before less-lethal action is executed.
  - 2.1.1 The announcement of "ORANGE" will be made verbally and (when feasible) via radio to all officers in the immediate area.

##### 3. Reporting

- 3.1 If less-lethal action is employed, Officers will follow Policy Directive 11-1, Response to Resistance or Assaultive Behavior, and 11-2, Reporting Response to Resistance or Assaultive Behavior. [CALEA 4.2.1c]
- 3.2 If a person suffers a loss of life due to less-lethal action, Policy Directive 11-6, Officer-Involved Shooting, will be followed.

---

Patrick Thessing  
Chief of Police