



Use of Force Equipment Policy

Purpose:

To ensure sworn members are appropriately qualified, trained and informed in handling use of force equipment. This policy sets out the principles and responsibilities governing the use of force equipment and is in compliance with the Provincial Use of Force Guidelines and Use of Conducted Energy Weapons Guidelines published by Alberta Justice and Public Safety and Emergency Services.

Statement of Principle:

The EPS provides use of force equipment to support sworn members in the performance of their duties and imposes training, qualification and handling requirements to ensure the equipment is handled professionally, lawfully and with reduced risk.

Policy Statement:

In the performance of their duties sworn members must:

1. Only carry and use EPS issued or approved use of force equipment unless the Deputy Chief i/c Corporate Services Bureau has authorized the use of other equipment.
2. Hold the necessary qualifications and training before carrying and using specific use of force equipment.
3. Use, store, and transport use of force equipment in accordance with the procedures.