



San Francisco Police Department  
Professional Standards & Principled Policing Bureau  
Department of Justice Compliance

<b>Individual Recommendation Report</b> Rec. Number: 7.2 Assigned To Project Manager: Commander Peter D. Walsh Prepared by: Commander Peter D. Walsh Priority: Low	<b>Reserved For PSPPB Only</b> <input type="checkbox"/> President's Task Force <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ribbon Panel <input type="checkbox"/> CJTF SF Bar Association <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Police Accountability <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Grand Jury:
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**DOJ Recommendation #: 7.2**

The SFPD must develop training on the use of the 36-inch baton for the use of interacting with individuals with edged weapons. Once developed, the training should be deployed to all officers.

**DOJ Objective: Use of Force**

**Executive Summary:**

Department Bulletin **16-071 Department Issued Impact Weapons** came into existence as a stopgap by adding the 36-inch baton as a counter-measure against edged weapons. Using the longer baton would allow members another less-lethal option and distance from a person armed with an edged weapon.

No formal training policy or class was devised to teach officers how to specifically use the 36-inch baton during an encounter with a person armed with an edged weapon. The policy has been rescinded by the issuance of **16-162 Department Issued Impact Weapons Update** dated October 7, 2016.

As such, Recommendation #7.2 should be considered "completed," as the policy for the use of 36-inch baton against edged weapons has been rescinded.

**Purpose:**

**Policy:**

**Audit (if applicable):**

**Written Directive: (D.G.O., Dept. Manual, Bureau Orders, Dept. Bulletins, etc.)**

- Department Bulletin, 16-162, Department Issued Impact Weapons
- Department Bulletin, 16-071, Department Issued Impact Weapons (**Rescinded**)
- Department Bulletin, 16-173, Telescopic Impact Weapon
- Department Bulletin, 16-006, Required Equipment
- Department Bulletin, 15-141, Mandatory Sign Off of Department Issued Documents in HRMS

**Supporting Documentation: (Learning Domains, Power points, Lesson Plans, Policies)**



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**Implementation, training & records (How to prove we did what we said?)**

Per D.B. 15-141, Mandatory Sign-Off of Department Issued Documents in HRMS all members, sworn and non-sworn, are required to electronically review and sign for all the documents in their Self-Service Page within 30 days of the documented date. Please see the attached audit report of D.B.16-162 of member compliance.