



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

<p><b>Individual Recommendation Report</b></p> <p><b>Rec. Number:</b> 7.1</p> <p><b>Assigned To Project Manager:</b> Commander Peter D. Walsh</p> <p><b>Prepared by:</b> Commander Peter D. Walsh</p> <p><b>Priority:</b> Low</p>	<p><b>Reserved For PSPPB Only</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> President’s Task Force</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ribbon Panel</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CJTF SF Bar Association</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Police Accountability</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Civil Grand Jury:</p>
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**DOJ Recommendation #: 7.1**

The SFPD must develop a policy on the use of the 36-inch baton for the use of interacting with individuals with edged weapons. The policy should also dictate the proper handling of the baton, and the policy should dictate when it's appropriate to use a two-hand stance and when a one-hand approach is needed.

**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 The policy has been rescinded by the issuance of **16-162 Department Issued Impact Weapons Update** dated October 7, 2016.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 #7.1 should be considered “completed,” as the policy for the use of 36-inch baton against edged weapons has been rescinded.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- Department Bulletin, 16-071, Department Issued Impact Weapons (Rescinded)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



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- 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)**

**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.