

**Sacramento Police Department**  
**Mandatory Academy Follow-up Training**  
**2020**

*The following course is offered to academy graduates as they enter the field training program at the Sacramento Police Department. These new officers are brought back to the training environment several times as they progress through the field training.*

**Course Title: Less Lethal Training**

**Course Description:** To provide tactical theory and practical training to reasonably, safely, and effectively use our less lethal tools. The focus being the less lethal shotgun with drag stabilized rounds, the 40mm launcher with exact impact rounds, and the pepper ball launcher with live and VXR live rounds.

**Course Objectives:** Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- Understand our department policy, state and federal law regarding the use of these weapon systems
- Understand and explain the advantages and disadvantages of each of the weapon systems
- Understand the potential for contamination of rounds and our prescribed methods for negating that possibility
- Understand and explain the importance of tactical debriefs in the aftermath of a critical incident
- Understand and apply common tactics to resolve critical incidents to ensure the safety of the public, the officer, and the suspect
- Explain and apply the concept of a line of demarcation
- Explain and apply the concept of overwhelming with less lethal
- Explain the use and construction of an arrest team
- Explain the technique and why we place an emphasis on de-escalation
- Demonstrate safe handling of a shotgun, a 40-mm launcher, and a pepper ball gun
- Demonstrate an understanding of aftercare follow up (First Aid)

**Representative Methods of Evaluation:**

- Class participation
- Team presentations
- Breakout sessions
- Demonstrate the safe and effective use of each weapons system on the range
- Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts while conducting scenario-based training.