



EXPANDABLE BATON STANDARD CO001

AUTHORITY

California Penal Code 13601(a)(1): The CPOST shall develop, approve, and monitor standards for the selection and training of state correctional peace officer apprentices.

BACKGROUND

Correctional Peace Officers are required to carry expandable batons while on duty and are authorized to use them in an emergency or during a controlled Use of Force (UOF). Only weapons that have been approved by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) will be issued or assigned and carried and used while on duty, per California Code of Regulations Title 15, Section 3275(a).

An Expandable Baton (EB) is an approved weapon for carry and use while on duty. The Expandable Baton (EB) may be used with reasonable force to subdue an attacker, overcome resistance, effect custody, or gain compliance with a lawful order.

STANDARD

Correctional Peace Officers shall have the knowledge, ability and basic skill in the proper care, storage, use, and retention of the Expandable Baton in order to maintain the safety and security of all persons.

COMPONENTS OF STANDARD

1. Expandable Baton – The student shall be knowledgeable and proficient in the ability to perform all of the instructed movements related to the EB.
2. Problem Solving/Decision-Making – The student shall be knowledgeable and proficient in analyzing situations and determining whether it is appropriate to deploy and use the EB and relevant techniques.
3. Officer Safety – The student shall demonstrate situational and tactical awareness and the ability to respond appropriately to ensure officer safety as well as safety and security of those around the officer.

4. Communication – The student shall use effective verbal and non-verbal skills when deploying the EB. The student shall document and report any use of force. Correctional Peace Officers shall also be adequately trained in how to document incidents where the Correctional Peace Officer used the EB while on duty.
5. Ethics – The student shall abide by the code of ethics and accepted principles of conduct that govern decisions and actions based on professional values and expectations.
6. Stress Tolerance and Emotional Regulation – The student shall maintain self-control and make timely, reasonable decisions in the use of the EB.
7. The measurement of knowledge and proficiency in the above mentioned, components shall be delivered in pass/fail format.

CITATIONS

- 1) California Code of Regulations Title 15, Chapter 1-Rules and Regulations of Adult Operations and Program, Subchapter 4-General Institution Regulations, Article 1.5-Use of Force and Restraining Devices, Section 3268-Use of Force; Article 2-Security, Section 3275-Weapons, and Section 3278-Control of Inmates and Parolees
- 2) California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Department Operations Manual (DOM), Chapter 3-Personnel, Training and Employee Relations, Article 18-General Training, Section 32010.19.11-Less Lethal Weapons; Chapter 5-Adult Custody and Security Operations, Article 2-Use of Force, Sections 51020.1- 51020.5
- 3) California Penal Code, Sections 832 and 835
- 4) Monadnock expandable baton corporate website, www.batons.com, accessed December 2014
- 5) CPOST General Training Standard GS001