

<b>ALAMEDA COUNTY</b>  <b>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>  <b>GENERAL ORDER</b>	<b>NUMBER:</b> 5.33
	<b>RELATED ORDERS:</b> CALEA 1.2.2, 1.3.4 - 1.3.7, 1.3.10, 1.3.11 General Order 1.05
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<b>CHAPTER:</b> Law Enforcement Operations	<b>SUBJECT:</b> Stun Cuff Magnum

- I. **PURPOSE:** To establish a procedure for proper issuance and use of the Stun-Cuff Electronic Restraint Device (ERD).
  
- II. **POLICY:** It is the policy of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office to provide less-lethal options to its members to subdue violent or potentially violent subjects. It is also the Agency's goal to prevent serious injury to the subject, staff, and the public. The goal in using the Stun-Cuff Magnum is to provide the safe and effective restraint of inmates during court proceedings, transportation, jail movement, and extradition of inmates. The use of electronic stun devices is considered Intermediate Force on the Use of Force Continuum, General Order 1.05. The Stun-Cuff Magnum shall be used judiciously and in compliance with all existing laws, directives and manufacturer's guidelines.
  
- III. **DEFINITIONS:**
  - A. **LESS-LETHAL WEAPON:** Less-lethal weapons are weapons, when used properly, is less likely to result in serious physical injury or death than other available force options. As with other "less-lethal" force options, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office is committed to reducing the potential for injury to staff and detainees during violent confrontations.
  
  - B. **STUN-CUFF MAGNUM:** The Stun-Cuff Magnum is a 3.25" long, 2.25" wide, and 1.5" in depth wireless electronic restraint device (ERD) that attaches to the wrist or ankle and locks into place by an adjustable strap. The strap can be released or adjusted with a standard handcuff key. The Stun-Cuff Magnum produces a (2) two second shock of 80,000 volts, when activated by the radio transmitter trigger.
  
  - C. **WIRELESS TRANSMITTER:** The wireless transmitter is a wireless keypad that can be programmed to control any Stun-Cuff device. The wireless transmitter can control a Stun-Cuff device up to 100 yards away.

The wireless transmitter is 3.25” long, 2” wide, 1” in depth and weighs 3.5 ounces. The wireless transmitter has a two button trigger safety system.

IV. **PROCEDURE:** All Stun-Cuff Magnum devices will be issued by the Watch Commander or their designee.

A. **ISSUANCE:**

1. Only sworn personnel who have completed certified training in the use/handling/firing of the Stun-Cuff Magnum will be authorized for its use.
2. LES Watch Commanders shall assure an adequate number of deputies are trained to use the Stun-Cuff Magnum. Watch Commanders shall maintain a list of deputies authorized to use the Stun-Cuff Magnum.
3. LES Watch Commanders or their designee shall log each Stun Cuff issued on an Equipment Inventory Log. The log shall denote the unit number, date/time issued and date/time returned. Each unit and all related equipment must be returned to the secure storage area at the end of each shift.
4. Detentions and Corrections and County Wide Services Watch Commanders or their designees shall assign the Stun-Cuff Magnum to deputies for use on inmates who fit predetermined criteria.
5. During storage, the Stun-Cuff Magnum and wireless transmitter shall be returned to the charging base to ensure the device has an adequate charge for the next use.
6. Each assigned member shall conduct a pre-service inspection of the Stun-Cuff Magnum and the wireless transmitter to confirm its condition. The deputy shall inspect the device, locking strap and the transmitter to ensure it is clean, charged, and in good working order.
7. Prior to going into service, members shall conduct a spark test of the Stun-Cuff Magnum to check for proper operation.
8. In the event the Stun-Cuff Magnum fails the pre-service inspection or the spark test, the assigned deputy shall notify their Watch Commander. The device shall be taken out of service until necessary repairs are made.

B. **USAGE:**

1. Sworn personnel are authorized to use the Stun-Cuff Magnum without prior approval, in cases where the threat is both credible and imminent.

All personnel who have been assigned a Stun-Cuff Magnum must comply with the Alameda County Sheriff's Office General Order 1.05 - Use of Force. The Stun-Cuff Magnum may be applied to a detainee under the following circumstances:

- a. Restraint of violent inmates during court appearances.
  - b. Transportation of high risk or violent detainees.
  - c. During extraditions.
  - d. As a deterrent to control detainees with histories of disruptive behavior.
  - e. As needed, with Watch Commander approval.
2. Due to the Stun-Cuff Magnum's potential to cause serious injury, this weapon shall only be used in the following circumstances.
    - a. To overcome active resistance.
    - b. To overcome a subject whose active aggression is an immediate or credible threat to the safety of the deputy(s), the public, or in cases when a subject poses a credible threat to their own safety.
  3. Whenever possible, a verbal announcement of the intended use of the Stun-Cuff Magnum should precede the application of the device in order to:
    - a. Provide the individual with a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply.
    - b. Provide other deputies and individuals with warning that a Stun-Cuff device may be deployed.
  4. Deputies should consider the potential for serious consequences before deploying the Stun-Cuff Magnum in the following situations:
    - a. In potentially flammable or explosive environments.
    - b. On individuals who are passively resisting.
    - c. On individuals operating a moving vehicle or machinery.

- d. On individuals who could fall from a significant height.
  5. Use Caution: Deputies should carefully evaluate the circumstances and use of force options before using the Stun-Cuff Magnum. In cases listed below, a decision must be made as to the appropriate use of force and other options considered prior to immediate deployment of the Stun-Cuff Magnum.
    - a. Availability and effectiveness of alternative means to gain compliance.
    - b. The severity of the aggressive behavior versus the potential harm.
    - c. The Stun-Cuff Magnum shall not be used on individuals who may be at a greater risk of harm including:
      1. Pregnant women
      2. Elderly persons
      3. Persons with known health problems
      4. An individual who has been recently sprayed with an alcohol based O.C. Spray (issued Def Tek First Defense is not alcohol based) or in close proximity to any combustible material.
  6. When activating the Stun-Cuff Magnum, deputies shall use it for one standard cycle then stop to evaluate the situation (a standard cycle is two seconds). If subsequent cycles are necessary, the cycles should not exceed three activations when possible. The number of cycles will be documented in a report and include an explanation for why the additional cycles were necessary and how the person responded after each cycle. An evaluation shall / must be done after each cycle.
  7. The Stun-Cuff Magnum shall not be used on a subject who was previously subdued by a Taser or other type of Conductive Energy Device within the last 24 hours.
  8. Following the use of the Stun-Cuff Magnum, deputies should use a restraint technique that does not impair the subject's respirations.
- C. THE WATCH COMMANDER SHALL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE STUN-CUFF MAGNUM HAS BEEN DEPLOYED:
1. The location and type of incident shall be reported to the Watch Commander and a supervisor will respond to the scene.
  2. Upon compliance of the subject, photographs will be taken of the electrode contact area and / or any subsequent injuries.

3. Whenever the Stun-Cuff Magnum is used, a criminal or incident report shall be generated in addition to a Use of Force report in accordance with General Order 1.05.
  - a. A detailed description of each method of force utilized in attempting to control the subject will be documented in each of the reports.
  - b. A Sergeant will approve all reports. A copy of the report and Use of Force report will be forwarded via the Chain of Command to the Division Commander.
4. In the event of an accidental discharge, the Watch Commander shall be immediately notified. A report will also be written.

D. MEDICAL TREATMENT:

1. Persons who have been subjected to the Stun-Cuff Magnum electronic restraint device shall be treated as follows:
  - a. IF THE SUSPECT LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS, DEPUTIES SHALL IMMEDIATELY SUMMON EMS TO RESPOND TO EVALUATE THE SUSPECT.
  - b. Once in custody, the subject shall be examined by EMS or Prison Health Services. If necessary, the subject may be transported to a local hospital emergency room or other approved medical care facility. The transporting deputy shall advise the medical staff that the person was subjected to the Stun-Cuff Magnum electronic restraint device, the approximate time the action occurred and number of cycles.
  - c. The transporting deputy shall obtain medical clearance for incarceration from the appropriate medical facility physician prior to booking the suspect.

E. ACCEPTING INTO CUSTODY: The use of the Stun-Cuff Magnum will be noted on the Consolidated Arrest Report and ITR deputies will be advised that the Stun-Cuff Magnum was used to control or arrest the subject. Deputies will initiate an observation log on the arrestee.

F. TRAINING:

1. The Stun-Cuff Magnum shall only be used by sworn members of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office trained in its deployment and use.

Trained personnel shall use the Stun-Cuff Magnum in a manner that is consistent with all Alameda County Sheriff's Office written directives.

- a. Members shall be selected for this specialized training based upon the specific needs of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.
  - b. Training shall emphasize that multiple activations and continuous cycling of the Stun-Cuff Magnum may increase the risk of injury and should be avoided.
  - c. Training will include the proper use of and deployment of the Stun-Cuff Magnum.
  - d. Training shall include the limitations of the Stun-Cuff Magnum and instruction on transitioning to other force options as needed.
  - e. All members must receive annual training in the use of the Stun-Cuff Magnum as required by CALEA standards.
2. The Regional Training Center (RTC) will maintain a current list of all personnel certified to deploy the Stun-Cuff Magnum.
  3. Each Division in possession Stun-Cuff Magnum devices will maintain a database of Stun-Cuff deployment information.

G. DOCUMENTATION AND REVIEW:

1. Reports regarding the use of the Stun-Cuff Magnum will be forwarded to the Law Enforcement Services Division Commander via the chain of command.
2. The Law Enforcement Services Division Commander will determine the following:
  - a. Whether the suspect sustain any injuries.
  - b. Whether or not there was a deviation from training.
  - c. Whether the use of force justified.
  - d. If the agency policy was followed.
3. Upon successful review of the incident, the report will be maintained per the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Records Retention Policy.