



Use of Force Recommendation 37

*Ensure Less-Lethal Shotguns are Clearly
Marked*



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Objective

- *Ensure Less-Lethal Shotguns are Clearly Marked.*
- *Conformity with other Valley Agencies.*
- *Distinguish lethal weapons from less-lethal weapons.*



History

- Drag Stabilized 12-Gauge Round is a translucent 12-Gauge shell loaded with a 40-Gram tear shaped bag made from a cotton and ballistic material blend and filled with #9 shot. (Impact Weapon)
- Less-lethal shotgun program started in 1998.
- Lethal shotguns replaced by AR-15 Rifle overtime.
- Currently the Mesa Police Department has no lethal shotguns.



Recommendation Highlights

- *Change Mesa Police Department Policy to require less-lethal shotguns be definitively marked to indicate they are less-lethal weapons.*

Current Policy

- DPM 2.1.40
- **Authorized Equipment:**
 - Department authorized 12-gauge Remington 870 Shotgun.
 - Use only department issued; factory-loaded bean bag projectiles.
 - Less lethal shotguns and bean bag projectiles are issued to department members by the Range Sergeant or designee.



Gap Analysis

- Recommendation

Department authorized 12-gauge Remington 870 Shotgun with a Hogue orange colored stock and fore-end.



- Current Policy

Department authorized 12-gauge Remington 870 Shotgun.



Industry Trends

- **Tempe PD**
 - *Orange stock for Less-lethal shotgun.*
- **Gilbert PD**
 - *Yellow paint for Less-lethal shotgun.*
- **Phoenix PD**
 - *Painted yellow and stenciled “Stun Bag” in red letters.*
- **Scottsdale PD/ Chandler PD**
 - *No Shotguns*
- **LVMPD**
 - *Orange Stock and fore-end for Less-lethal shotgun.*
- **LAPD**
 - *Green Stock and fore-end for Less-lethal shotgun.*



Fiscal Outlook

Remington 870 12 Gauge Less Lethal Orange OverMolded
Shotgun Stock w/forend (SKU: 08742) \$79.95

Currently there are 233 Remington 870 shotguns being
deployed as less-lethal beanbag shotguns.

Total Cost \$18,628.35



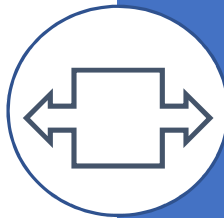
Pros and Cons

*List the reasons **for** adopting the recommendation*

- *Clear recognition of Less-Lethal tool*
- *Reduce confusion during intra-agency operation*

*List the reasons **against** adopting the recommendation*

- *Cost and labor*



Proposed Action

- *Recommend the MPD revise policy and change all less-lethal shotguns to have orange colored stock and fore-end.*



Questions