

- B. In this light, the Ashfield Police Department authorizes the use of and has the capability of deploying the following less-than-lethal equipment.
 - a. straight police baton;
 - b. oleoresin capsicum in various forms of pressurized aerosol containers,
 - c. the PepperBall™ System as previously described

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Where non-lethal/less lethal methods are justified, the officer shall utilize the method which is most appropriate to the given situation.
- B. The PepperBall™ System as previously described shall be considered a viable tool for use in situations where nonlethal/less lethal methods are required to fulfill a proper police function as previously detailed.
- C. Only currently qualified and trained Ashfield Police officers are authorized to deploy and use the PepperBall™ System.
- D. Except in extreme situations where no reasonable alternative exists, the PepperBall™ System should be deployed only where assisting/cover officers are present.
- E. Although classified as a less lethal device, the potential exists for PepperBall™ System projectiles to inflict injuries should they strike the face, eyes, neck, groin, or spinal column of an individual.
 - a. Therefore, personnel deploying the PepperBall™ System shall avoid intentionally targeting these areas during deployment.
 - b. Personnel deploying this system shall also, where feasible, immediately notify the Chief of Police. If the situation allows such Chief of Police or his/her designee shall immediately respond and direct the use and deployment of this system.
 - c. Where the on-scene officer determines that immediate action is required, and he/she is a currently certified operator in the PepperBall™ System, this option may be deployed without the Chief of Police or Sergeant being on the scene.
- F. The PepperBall™ System shall be considered a reportable use of force. Therefore, the Chief of Police shall ensure that each use of the PepperBall™ System is properly documented according to the policy and procedure of the police department.