





Oakland Police Department

Controlled Equipment Impact Report

Item(s): LMT 40mm Launcher, Penn Arms PGL 65-40 40mm Launcher, Wilson Combat Remington 870 12 Gauge Shotgun, 40mm Direct Impact Marking 6326, CTS 40mm Frangible Impact 4550 Orange Marking Powder, 40mm Foam Baton 6099, CTS 12Ga 2581 Super Sock specialty impact munitions

projectile along with the associated pain works to deter the individual from unwanted aggressive behavior.

The possibility of physical injury always exists whenever impact weapons are used. Inappropriate use of a SIM significantly increases the risk of injury or death to a suspect. Abrasions, lacerations, contusions, and fractures may result and need to be addressed by trained medical personnel (See DGO K-3, TB III- K, and DGO I-4 regarding first aid and emergency medical treatment.)

The human body can withstand high levels of force for very short durations of time if the force is distributed on the strong parts of the skeleton. The soft body tissues are responsible for absorbing and dissipating a great deal of force without producing a large amount of compression. However, if the amount and speed of blunt trauma is greater than can be absorbed, soft tissues can be damaged by tearing or rupturing, causing lacerations, cuts, and bruises.

Impacts to the abdomen can cause injury to the liver and spleen causing crushing deformation. Chest impacts can displace internal organs and possibly lacerate major vessels by crushing or stretching.

Although rare, penetration into the body has occurred and is always a possibility, especially when improperly used, as a result of a combination of kinetic energy (weight, size, shape, and velocity); target distance; the engaged person's weight, mass, clothing, or other material coverings; and the area of the body at which the engaged person is impacted. Members shall use SIM within training guidelines and Department policy.

Mitigations

Use of force and de-escalation policy - [DGO K-03](#)

Controlled and military equipment frequently takes the form of a force option, or else is often used during high risk situations where force may be used. OPD, in concert with the Police Commission, created a state-of-the-art use of force policy that centers the Department's

