



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

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Subject: Use of Specialty Impact Munitions (SIM's)		
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POLICY

Specialty Impact Munitions (such as the 40mm eXact iMPact Rounds) provide members additional force options and enhance officer safety in a variety of situations.

Specialty Impact Munitions (SIM's) are intended to provide members with a less than lethal option to safely take into custody a violent, dangerous, and/or actively resistive subject from an extended range. In addition, some forms of SIM's may be used for crowd management situations. The SIM's are designed to temporarily incapacitate a subject through pain compliance with minimal potential for causing death or serious physical injury. Members must always recognize, however, that a potential for death or serious physical injury from the use of SIM's does exist, and care must always be exercised in the use of SIM's. Only members properly trained in the use and deployment of SIM's should be authorized to deploy SIM's. Although not intended as a substitute for lethal force, in some tactical situations, it may be a viable option.

PROCEDURE

MEMBER

1. The following criteria should be considered when determining whether to deploy SIM's:
 - a. The subject has been given an opportunity to comply.
 - b. The member deploying the SIM's has reasonable cover and is able to deploy the SIM's from a safe and effective distance as described by the particular SIM's being deployed.
 - c. The member deploying SIM's has a cover officer prepared to deliver deadly force.
 - d. If possible, a second member should verify that SIM's have been loaded into the SIM's deployment weapon.
 - e. The perimeter members are made aware that SIM's are going to be deployed **PRIOR TO** deployment of such SIM's to prevent sympathetic fire from those members.
 - f. An arrest team of at least two (2) members to assist with taking the subject into custody after the deployment of SIM's.
 - g. The member utilizing the SIM's has been trained in its use.
2. A member deploying the SIM's can withdraw from the situation if it appears that the SIM's would not be effective or safe for the member or his cover officer, or if the SIM's was fired but was deemed ineffective/unsafe (The subject's heavy clothing, (or suspected body armor) may reduce the SIM's force to an ineffective level).
3. At any time, if the level of force a member utilizes is not effective to gain control, they may disengage and/or escalate to a higher level of force. This involves transitioning to a different level of force or different tactics based on the totality of circumstances
4. If the SIM's strike a subject, that subject must be taken for a medical examination. If possible, a member should provide a sample of the SIM's to medical personnel.
5. If the SIM's strike a subject, the SIM's will be considered evidence and, if possible, processed and preserved as evidence by an evidence technician.
6. Members employing a compliance hold or greater force in the intervention option flowchart, must document this action in an incident report, supplemental incident report, and a Use of Force Report in Phoenix under the Name Tab.

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