

County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

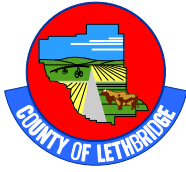
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Peace Officers, upon successful certification, may be issued an extendible baton and will be responsible for its care, use, and storage.

STANDARDS

1. All Peace Officers certified in the use of the baton will be required to wear a baton while on duty.
2. All Peace Officers certified in the use of the baton (including the department sanctioned Incident Management Intervention Model) will be re-certified within 36 months (or sooner if desired by authorized employer) by a qualified instructor.
3. The baton will be worn in the issue scabbard.
4. The baton will be deployed only in the prescribed manner, according to an Incident Management Intervention Model or approved Use of Force Model.
5. All Peace Officers will immediately report any incident in which the baton was used as a means of force to their Supervisor on an Incident Report Form and ensure the Public Security Division is notified.
6. Peace Officers who are carrying authorized batons:
 - a) must check their baton on a weekly basis for the following:
 - i) wear and tear on the foam grip,
 - ii) bent shaft and stress fractures,
 - iii) abrasions on the tip or a loose tip,
 - iv) secure butt cap;
 - b) may make minor adjustments to the retaining clip and O-ring to ensure the proper opening and closing capabilities;
 - c) report any defective baton requiring repair or replacement immediately to a Supervisor;

NOTE: This includes a bent shaft, wear and tear on the handle, and sharp abrasions on the tip.



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- d) immediately report any incident in which the baton was used as a means of force to their Supervisor on an Incident Report Form and to the Public Security Division.
- e) ensure that when off-duty, the baton is secured in a locked cabinet within the office. If a peace officer goes off shift at their residence, the baton must be secured within a locked cabinet.

Reference: Public Security Peace Officer Program, Policy and Procedures Manual, February 2012, Appendix T