

GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON CRIME, DELINQUENCY AND CORRECTION
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE
DEPUTY SHERIFFS' RESERVE OFFICER
– TRAINING GUIDELINES –

Purpose:

The purpose of these training guidelines are to establish the minimum training requirements for members of a county deputy sheriffs' reserve to carry "other weapons" as established by section one-a, article three, chapter six of the code of West Virginia. It is further the purpose of these guidelines to establish annual re-training requirements for members of a deputy sheriffs' reserve to continue to carry "other weapons" as established by code.

Scope:

These guidelines apply to all individuals acting as duly appointed members of a county deputy sheriffs' reserve that **are permitted to carry weapons** by their respective county commission as established by code; hereinafter referred to as "reserve member."

Definitions:

For the purposes of these guidelines, "other weapons," as cited in §6-3-1a.(c), means the following:

- Side-Handle Baton
- Expandable Baton
- Non-lethal, non-flammable, aerosol defensive spray

Training/Annual Re-training Guidelines:

All individuals acting as a reserve member shall carry other weapons in accordance with an established county policy pertaining to the use of said weapons. This policy shall clearly articulate when and under what circumstances a reserve member may carry and utilize other weapons. This policy shall be approved and adopted by the county commission prior to allowing reserve members to carry other weapons as defined by these guidelines.

After appointment to the reserves yet prior to service, and as deemed appropriate by the county commission with regard to time and content, each reserve member shall receive training which focuses primarily on the personal liability (as cited in §6-3-1a.(g), (h), and (i)) of a reserve member when utilizing other weapons as defined by these guidelines, during the course of their duties.

After appointment to the reserves yet prior to service, each reserve member shall receive training on the proper utilization of the weapon or weapons for which he or she has been assigned. Said training shall adhere to the manufacturers recommended training standards for both time and content for the weapon or weapons. An individual who is certified to instruct other individuals on the proper utilization of the weapon or weapons for which that reserve member has been assigned shall deliver this training. The sheriff of a county utilizing reserve members, shall certify in writing to the county commission that the reserve officer has fulfilled this training requirement.

In addition, each reserve member shall receive re-training on the proper utilization of the weapon or weapons for which he or she has been assigned. Said training shall, at a minimum, adhere to the manufacturers recommended training standards for frequency (i.e. annually, bi-annually, etc.), time and content for the weapon or weapons for re-training. An individual who is certified to instruct other individuals on the proper utilization of the weapon or weapons for which that reserve member has been assigned shall deliver this training. The sheriff of a county utilizing reserve members, shall certify in writing to the county commission that the reserve officer has fulfilled this re-training requirement.

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