

CHAPTER 3
GRENADIER PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

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1. GENERAL. Specialty munitions and chemical agents are categorized as projectiles launched or otherwise deployed for the purpose of overcoming resistance, to affect an arrest, or address the threat of serious injury to an officer or suspect with less risk of causing death than the use of a firearm (refer to Annex A). A grenadier is a uniformed employee specifically trained in the use of the specialty munitions and chemical agents. The primary mission of the grenadier is to protect life and property by safely and properly deploying departmentally authorized specialty munitions and chemical agents. The actions of uniformed personnel must be based on legal authority and implemented in accordance with departmental policy and sound professional judgment.

a. Selection as a Special Response Team (SRT) grenadier requires the approval of the uniformed employee's current commander, a recommendation by the grenadier sergeant(s), and approval of the SRT and Division commanders.

b. Grenadiers should be designated as an SRT squad in the company to ensure proper oversight. It is recommended that each SRT have a minimum of one trained supervisor and a sufficient number of trained grenadiers in order to support each squad.

2. POLICY. Except as otherwise provided in Section 13652 (b) of the California Penal Code, kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents shall not be used to disperse any assembly, protest, or demonstration. Kinetic energy projectiles and chemical agents shall only be deployed by a peace officer that is an SRT-certified grenadier, and that has received training on their proper use by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training for crowd control if the use is objectively reasonable to defend against a threat to life or serious bodily injury to any individual, including any peace officer, or to bring an objectively dangerous and unlawful situation safely and effectively under control, and only in accordance with all of the following requirements:

3. TRAINING.

a. Initial Training. All grenadiers must successfully complete the eight-hour Initial Grenadier Training Course (GTC) hosted by the Academy, Tactical Training Program, in conjunction with the SRT Training Cadre, before performing the duties of a grenadier.

b. Recertification. Grenadiers are required to complete the GTC hosted by the Academy, Advanced Officer Safety Training Unit, annually, in conjunction with the SRT Training Cadre.

c. Certification. Upon successful completion of the GTC, grenadiers will be issued a certificate of completion which is valid from the date of issue through the subsequent calendar year. Only grenadiers possessing a current certification are authorized to deploy specialty munitions and chemical agents.

(1) In addition to the annual certification, each Division's grenadier supervisor shall review policy regulating safe and proper deployment of specialty munitions and chemical agents with each grenadier, quarterly. Each Division's grenadier supervisor shall also be responsible for ensuring Division-assigned specialty weapons are inspected quarterly, and the Firearms Inspection Checklists are forwarded to the Academy, WTU.

d. Training Reporting Procedures. The SRT cadre shall maintain a roster of each completed GTC for a period of five years. The Division Training Coordinator shall be responsible for entering this information into the Employee Training Records System (ETRS).

(1) Each Division grenadier supervisor shall prepare a roster of all grenadiers completing the quarterly policy review and provide the roster to the Division Training Coordinator for entry into the ETRS.

4. GRENADIER PROCEDURES.

ANNEX A

APPROVED SPECIALTY MUNITIONS WEAPONS, SPECIALTY MUNITIONS, AND CHEMICAL AGENTS

1. APPROVED SPECIALTY MUNITIONS WEAPONS, SPECIALTY MUNITIONS, AND CHEMICAL AGENTS. The Academy, WTU, approves all specialty munitions weapons, specialty munitions, and chemical agents. Only the following departmentally owned specialty munition weapons, specialty munitions, and chemical agents are authorized for use in crowd-control incidents:

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