

***USE OF DEFENSIVE BATON POLICY #21.0.3***

**1. POLICY STATEMENT**

The Council of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 has recognizes the safety of its employees and have determined that Community Peace Officer's 1 should carry a DEFENSIVE BATON on their person while actively carrying out the duties of a Community Peace Officer 1.

**2. PROCEDURES**

2.1. The County may issue a Defensive Baton to Community Peace Officers 1 who may be required to utilize a Defensive Baton during the execution of their duties providing that:

2.1.1. The Defensive Baton complies with the Solicitor General specifications and/or requirements,

2.1.2. A Defensive Baton is utilized as an aid in the arrest of a resisting person, to control a person or crowd when lesser means are not likely to succeed or have failed and more severe means are not yet required, or to preserve ones wellbeing as outlined in the County's "Use of Force Policy",

2.1.3. A Defensive Baton is utilized to control an attack or threat of an attack in accordance with the County's "Use of Force Policy".

2.2. The issue of a Defensive Baton to a Community Peace Officer 1 is conditional upon successful completion of training approved by the Alberta Solicitor General's Department.

2.3. A Community Peace Officer 1 shall only use the Defensive Baton that is issued by the County Administrator or designate.

2.4. When Defensive Batons are in the office, not on any authorized person, they must be locked in a cabinet.

2.5. When Defensive Batons are in the possession of a Community Peace Officer 1 at their residence, when it is not reasonable to have it locked at the office, the Community Peace Officer 1 must ensure proper storage of the Defensive Baton, preferably in a locked cabinet.

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### **3. POST INCIDENT GUIDELINES**

3.1. A Community Peace Officer 1, who, during the course of their duties, utilize a Defensive Baton shall:

3.1.1. Report the occurrence forthwith to the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer or designate; and

3.1.2. Complete a standard occurrence report outlining the circumstances surrounding the use of the Defensive Baton.

3.2. The Assistant Chief Administrative Officer or designate shall notify the Public Security Division, Department of Justice and Solicitor General of the circumstances surrounding the use of a Defensive Baton.

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