DAVIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

USE OF EXPLOSIVES
Policy and Procedure 3.12-A

DEPARTMENT MANUAL

I. POLICY

The tactical use of explosives by law enforcement can be a valuable tool in limited circumstances. The potential lethality of this alternative requires precise policy controls and use by thoroughly trained personnel only. The use of explosives shall be in compliance with this policy.

II. PROCEDURE

A. Use of Explosives

1. Any use of explosives, aside from training exercises and scheduled bomb disposal operations, shall only be done with the specific permission of a command officer.

2. Use of explosives under any circumstances shall be restricted to officers specifically trained as FBI approved Explosive Ordnance Technicians.

3. Examples of where explosives may be used include wall or door breaching as part of forcible entry into a premise, or elimination or reduction of a hazard.

4. Explosive devices are considered a last alternative when other less dangerous options are exhausted or abandoned.

5. The tactical use of explosives by Department technicians, regardless of jurisdiction, or location, shall be documented in a detailed memorandum to the Police Chief, via the chain-of-command. The memorandum shall include particulars of the event, the rationale used prior to use of explosives, and results achieved. A copy of the memo shall be retained by the Professional Standards Unit.

Darren Pytel
Police Chief
7/87

Rev. 10/95
10/99
05/19

Reviewed 1/01, 02/01, 09/08, 05/10, 09/11, 08/17, 12/17