



**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES  
STATE OF VERMONT**

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POLICY  
DIRECTIVE  
PROCEDURE

<b>SUBJECT</b> LESS LETHAL 413.07	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> 09/01/00	<b>REVIEWED AND RE-ISSUED</b>	<b>SUPERSEDES</b> NEW
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**AUTHORITY**

Authority for this directive is promulgated by: Title 28 V.S.A. section 101 paragraphs 1 and 5 and, section 102, paragraphs 10, 11c (6), and section 601, paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 7. Vermont Department of Corrections Policy 413.

**PURPOSE:**

This directive provides clear direction for the Vermont Department of Corrections employees regarding the use of less lethal tactics and equipment.

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

This directive applies and is accessible to the Vermont Department of Corrections employees only.

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Less Lethal:** Extended range impact weapon utilizing kinetic energy munitions. These munitions, when used properly, are less likely to result in death or serious physical injury than force commonly known as "deadly".

**Less Lethal Weapons:** A Delivery device identified specifically for less lethal munitions (i.e. 12 Ga. Shotgun with blue stock.).

**Escapee:** A person, while in lawful custody, escapes or attempts to escape from any correctional facility.

**Perimeter:** The interior and exterior fence surrounding the facility.

**DIRECTIVE:**

- I. The facility superintendent is responsible to take proper measures to protect the safety of the inmates and personnel of the facility, and to take proper measure to prevent the escape of inmates and to effect their recapture.

A. Facility superintendents will develop and implement procedures outlining the storage, maintenance and use of the following less lethal weapons and munitions for external perimeter security:

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

a) [REDACTED]

b) [REDACTED]

c) [REDACTED]

d) [REDACTED]

II. [REDACTED]

A. [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED]

C. [REDACTED]

**TRAINING:**

I. HRD will develop training consistent with National Tactical Officer's Association to insure all staff maintains competency in the knowledge, skills and attitudes required for Directive compliance.

II. Facility superintendents will insure all staff, required to work the external perimeter post, maintain certification in less lethal munitions.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

Audits of less than lethal equipment, documentation and storage will be conducted pursuant to Directive 403.01 Security & Supervision Audits.

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Vermont Department of Corrections Policy 413.

Vermont Department of Corrections Directive 107.01

City of Springfield Police Department Less Lethal Information Manual