

## Descriptions – Police Equipment

**Ammunition** – bullet, round, projectile, cartridge

**Shell** – brass container which holds a pyrotechnic compound with which to propel the bullet

**Baton / Truncheon** a stick of less than arm's length, usually made of wood, plastic, or metal, and carried by law-enforcement and security personnel for less-lethal self-defense, as well as control and to disperse combative and non-compliant individuals, e.g. in riots, difficult arrest situations.

**Tactical Assault/ Multi-Function Baton** – Tonfa

**Breathalyzer / Breathalyser** is a device used for estimating the blood alcohol content from a breath sample.

**Handcuffs** are metal restraints designed to secure an individual's wrists close together, often featuring a double locking system.

**PlastiCuffs / FlexiCuffs** are a form of physical restraint for the hands, using plastic straps

**Revolver** is a firearm in which the rounds (bullets) are held in a revolving cylinder that rotates to fire them through a single barrel.

**Semi-automatic (self-loading) pistol** is a magazine-fed handgun that can be fired semi-automatically, firing one round for each trigger pull until running out of stored ammunition.

**Double Action Only (DAO)** - once a round is chambered, each trigger pull will both arm the hammer or firing pin, and will additionally release it to fire a round in one continuous motion.

**Machine pistol/ Submachine gun** - a firearm combining the automatic fire of a machine gun with the 9mm ammunition of a pistol; is usually between the two in weight and size e.g. MP5, Uzi etc.

**Holster** is an article worn to hold a handgun or other defensive weapon, usually from a belt

**Pepper Spray/ OC Spray** is a chemical compound that irritates the eyes to cause tears, pain, and even temporary blindness, that is used in crowd control and personal self-defence.

**Stun Gun** - a direct-energy, direct-contact, non-lethal weapon that temporarily disables a person with an electric shock.

**Taser/ Electroshock Gun** - a non-lethal weapon that temporarily disables a person with an electric shock by firing small electrodes, with attached metal wires, that connect to the gun.

**Riot Shield** is used to deflect projectiles in riot-type situations, it is usually made from plastic-like materials and clear.

**Bullet Proof Vest** - works as a form of armour to minimize injury from projectiles fired from handguns, shotguns and rifles.

**Tactical Body Armour (US: Armor)** is impact resistant, padded plastic plates that strap on to the body, arms and legs; often used in riot control.

**Flak Jacket** is a form of protective clothing to help personnel from the flying debris and shrapnel.

**Radar Gun** is used to detect the speed of vehicles.

**Tire Deflation Device/ Spike Strip** devices are used to impede or stop the movement of wheeled vehicles by puncturing their tires.

**Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)** is static video surveillance, e.g. (anti-)crime cameras, gate security, hooligan observation etc.

**Torch (UK)/ Flashlight (US)** is a hand-held portable electric spotlight.

**Handheld Radio (Walkie-Talkie)** - is a hand-held portable, bi-directional radio transceiver.

**Latex/ Disposable Surgical Gloves**

**Tear Gas/ CS Gas** is a riot control chemical agent that causes the eyes to sting and water; it is usually fired in canisters that emit the gas at a steady rate.