

# JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## BOLA WRAP-REMOTE RESTRAINT DEVICE

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the issuance, training, use of, and documentation of the use of the BolaWrap device.

**POLICY:** The Jacksonville Police Department authorizes the use of the BolaWrap 100 device in accordance with this policy, the Use of Force policy and Department training. The device is a handheld device intended to immobilize and control resistive/non-compliant persons and persons with known or suspected mental health issues that may affect the person's ability to understand and follow instructions.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

- I. BOLAWRAP™ 100 - is a hand-held remote restraint device that discharges an eight-foot bola style Kevlar tether to entangle an individual at a range of 10-20 feet.
- II. BOLAWRAP CARTRIDGE: the black cartridge for the BolaWrap containing an eight-foot Kevlar cord (3801b. strength) with anchors attached at both ends. A .380 partial charge blank propels the Kevlar cord with anchors at 640 feet per second.
- III. GREEN LASER SIGHT LINE: the laser is turned on/off by manipulating the safety switch. The laser is green in color and is 5 milliwatts which could cause retina damage if pointed at the eyes. The purpose of the line laser is to ensure that the operator is pointing the device at the correct target area of the body while holding it parallel to the ground.
- IV. TARGET AREA: the primary target area is the lower leg area between the ankles and the knees. If the individual has one or both arms to their side, the secondary target area is the abdomen located between the elbows and upper thigh.

**PROCEDURES:** It is the intent of this policy that the BolaWrap 100 device shall be used in compliance with the Jacksonville Police Department's Response to Resistance Policy.

### I. AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY

- A. Only those who have successfully completed the Jacksonville Police Department required five (5) hour training course for the operation of the BolaWrap 100 device are allowed to carry and deploy the device.
- B. Approved personnel assigned to deploy the BolaWrap 100 device will be responsible for ensuring that the appropriate cartridge is loaded in the device and verifying the operational status of the device by ensuring that:
  1. A pre-shift function test was completed and passed.
  2. The device has no visible damage to it.
  3. The cartridge has no visible damage to it.
  4. The device is loaded properly and on safe.
  5. Is stored in the proper holster while on duty.
- C. Once the BolaWrap 100 device is no longer needed, the officer assigned to the device will be

responsible for properly storing it back to its assigned storage area. Prior to storing the device, personnel will ensure that:

1. The device is unloaded properly.
2. The device has no visible damage to it.
3. The cartridge has no visible damage to it.
4. A post-shift function test is completed and passed.
5. The device is stored in the proper area.

## II. USE OF BOLAWRAP 100 DEVICE

- A. The decision to use BolaWrap 100 device, as with any response to resistance, should be objectively reasonable for the situation in which it is used. The BolaWrap 100 device is unique in the application of the response to resistance because it is not a use of force option.
- B. Although the device does have a projectile there is no pain compliance intended when the device is deployed properly.
- C. The following are examples of when the device may be used. This list is not exhaustive list, but is provided to demonstrate where the BolaWrap device would be justified:
  1. A subject needing to be detained or controlled indicates through words or action they will resist arrest or will not voluntarily comply with lawful orders.
  2. The subject has demonstrated, by words or action, an intention to be violent or to physically resist, and reasonably appears to present the potential to harm officers, him/herself, or others.
- D. When deciding whether to use the BolaWrap 100 device, officers should carefully balance officer safety concerns with factors that include, but are not limited to:
  1. The circumstances of the crime leading to the arrest or detention.
  2. The demeanor and behavior of the arrested or detained person.
  3. The age and health of the person.
  4. Whether the person is known to be pregnant.
  5. Whether the person has any other apparent physical disability.
- E. Additional officers should always be present prior to deployment and use of the device.
- F. With any non-lethal device, the potential exists for the projectile to inflict injury if striking the face, eyes, neck or groin. Officers who deploy the device shall avoid intentionally striking these body areas unless a life-threatening situation exists.
- G. The use of the BolaWrap 100 device on certain individuals should be avoided unless the totality of the circumstances indicates that other available options would likely be ineffective or would present greater danger to the officer, the subject or others, and the officer reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the risk of using the device. These individuals include:
  1. Individuals who are known to be pregnant.
  2. Elderly individuals.
  3. Obvious juveniles.
  4. Individuals detained in a police vehicle.
  5. Individuals in danger of falling or becoming entangled in machinery or heavy equipment, which could result in death or serious bodily injury.
  6. Individuals near any body of water that may present a drowning risk.
  7. Individuals whose position or activity may result in collateral injury (e.g., running, possible fall from high location, operating vehicles)
- H. Officers deploying the BolaWrap 100 device should consider the necessity of warning other officers that deployment is about to occur.