



ALBUQUERQUE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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2-55 Use of Force Appendix

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This appendix is intended to supplement the Use of Force policy (2-52) by specifying the minimum basic training requirements for various use of force options authorized by the Department. These requirements shall be reviewed and updated concurrently with changes by New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS). The following are the NMDPS minimum basic training requirements for certification authorizing the use of the use of force tools and techniques utilized by the Albuquerque Police Department:

Empty Hand Tactics

Certification Requirements:

1. Entry-level training is provided at the Albuquerque Police Academy.
2. Training consists of a minimum of 62 hours of classroom and practical training.
3. Refresher training is conducted as determined by Department needs.

Baton/Impact Weapons (baton – expandable/straight/Bokken, extended range less-lethal impact munition)

Certification Requirements:

1. Entry-level training is provided at the Albuquerque Police Academy.
2. Training consists of a minimum of 4 hours of classroom and practical training (component of the 62 hour Empty Hand Tactics training).
3. Refresher training is conducted as determined by Department needs.

Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray

Certification Requirements:

1. Entry-level training is provided at the Albuquerque Police Academy.
2. Training consists of a minimum of 3 hours of classroom and practical training (component of the 62 hour Empty Hand Tactics training).
3. Refresher training is conducted as determined by Department needs.

Electronic Control Weapon (ECW)

Certification Requirements:

1. Entry-level training is provided at the Albuquerque Police Academy.
2. Training consists of a minimum of 8 hours of classroom and practical training.
3. Recertification occurs: Annually

Less Lethal Impact Munitions

Certification Requirements:

1. Entry-level training is provided at the Albuquerque Police Academy and APD Firearms Range.
2. Training consists of a minimum of 4 hours of classroom and practical training.
3. Recertification occurs: Annually



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Use of Force with Firearms - Handgun, Shotgun (Less lethal, "00" Buck & Slug), Rifle

Certification Requirements:

1. Entry-level training is provided at the Albuquerque Police Academy and APD Firearms Range.
2. Training consists of a minimum of 60 hours of classroom and practical training.
3. Qualifications occur: Annually

The minimum required training is supplemented and reinforced through the use of scenario/reality-based training and interactive video scenario training throughout the duration of the basic training academy.

All training shall be conducted by instructors certified by the NMDPS, or an outside certifying entity, in the particular tool or physical skill that they are instructing.

Use of Force Tool or Tactic	Minimum Entry Level Training Hours	Advanced Training will occur:	Training Location
Empty Hand Tactics	62 hours	As needed	Albuquerque Police Academy
Baton/Impact Weapons	*4 hours	As needed	Albuquerque Police Academy
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray	*3 hours	As needed	Albuquerque Police Academy
Electronic Control Weapons (ECW)	6 hours	Annual Certification	Albuquerque Police Academy
Less Lethal Impact Munitions	4 hours	Annual Qualifications	Albuquerque Police Academy and APD Firearms Range
Firearms	60 hours	Annual Qualifications	Albuquerque Police Academy and APD Firearms Range

*Baton/Impact Weapons and Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray are components of the 62 hours Empty Hand Tactics training.