

206 Control Devices and Techniques

206.6 PAIN COMPLIANCE TECHNIQUES

Pain compliance techniques may be effective in controlling a passive or actively resisting individual. Officers may only apply those pain compliance techniques for which the officer has an objectively reasonable belief that the use of such a technique appears necessary to further a legitimate law enforcement purpose.

- (a) Officers should consider the following when using pain compliance techniques:
 1. The potential for injury to the officers or others if the technique is not used.
 2. The potential for serious injury to the individual being controlled.
 3. Whether the pain compliance technique is effective in achieving an appropriate level of control.
 4. The nature of the offense involved.
 5. The level of resistance of the individual(s) involved.
 6. The need for prompt resolution of the situation.
 7. If time permits (e.g., passive demonstrators), other reasonable alternatives.
- (b) The application of any pain compliance technique shall be discontinued once the officer determines that compliance has been achieved or other more appropriate alternatives can reasonably be utilized.
- (c) The LRAD shall not be used as a sonic weapon or a method of pain compliance. The LRAD shall only be used as a public announcement system to broadcast audible notifications and warnings over distance. The LRAD will be used only at decibel levels and frequencies that are safe for the intended purpose and that are not reasonably likely or intended to cause injury.