

Mackenzie County

Title	Baton Policy	Policy No:	ENF004
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Legislation Reference	Peace Officer Act Public Security Peace Officer Program
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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines to peace officers for the use, care and storage of an extendible baton.

Policy Statement:

Mackenzie County recognizes that there are circumstances where a peace officer may need to use a baton to facilitate a defensive position in the execution of their duties.

Guidelines:

1. Mackenzie County may issue a baton to its peace officer who may be required to utilize the baton during the execution of peace officer duties and is eligible through the following qualifications:
 - a. Successful completion of a training course on the care, use and handling of the baton as approved by the Alberta Solicitor General Public Security Division;
 - b. Written approval from the Alberta Solicitor General Public Security Division, and;
 - c. To undergo testing every 36 months, as directed to do so by the Alberta Solicitor General Division, in accordance with the Alberta Solicitor General Public Security Division standards.
2. The baton must be utilized:
 - a. As an aid in the arrest of a resisting person, or to control a person or crowd when lesser means are not likely to succeed or have failed, and more severe means are not yet required; or
 - b. To control an attack or threat of an attack from animals.

3. Peace officers shall only carry and use the baton which is issued by the County.
4. Peace officers may carry a baton only when on duty as a peace officer.
5. When the peace officer is off-duty, the baton should be secured in a locked cabinet within the County office.
6. When a baton is in possession of a peace officer at his residence, when it is not reasonable to have it locked in the office, the peace officer must ensure proper storage of the baton, preferably in a locked cabinet.
7. The baton will be worn in its issued scabbard.
8. All peace officers will immediately report any incident in which the baton was used as a means of force to their Supervisor on an Incident Report Form and ensure the Public Security Division is notified.
9. Peace officers who are carrying authorized batons:
 - a. Must check their baton on a weekly basis for the following:
 - i. Wear and tear on the foam grip;
 - ii. Bent shaft and stress fractures;
 - iii. Abrasions on the tip or a loose tip;
 - iv. A secure butt cap.
 - b. May make minor adjustments to the retaining clip or O-ring to ensure the proper opening and closing capabilities.
 - c. Report any defective baton requiring repair or replacement immediately to a Supervisor including a bent shaft, wear and tear on the handle, and sharp abrasions on the tip.

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