

## ***The IEW® – Impact Edged Weapon©***



### ***“The New Replacement for The Expandable Police Baton?”***

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When I started as a police officer in the 1970’s the police baton was really the only major tool on the duty belt. Fortunately, training progressed through the years with certification and standardized lesson plans and other tools were added. It is amazing how things have progressed in a relatively short amount of time.

More routinely used today are: OC Defense Spray, Electronic Control devices (Tasers), less lethal shotgun, Pepperball, FN203’s, JPX Pepper Gun. These less lethal tools will continue to advance and be implemented for all law enforcement and correctional use of force conditions. This reduced use of force equipment has been demonstrated to saves lives and has resulted in a significant reduction in costly litigation.

Living in a world of Smartphone video, social media and anti-law enforcement propaganda, training in “low profile use of force” has become more critical today than at any other time in law enforcement history.

During my national training, I have asked hundreds of officers 3 simple questions regarding baton use:

Q: How much is it actually used in the field?

A: Most state they have not used the baton in years and rarely ever even take it out of their holster

Q: How much discomfort does it cause?

A: Very uncomfortable. There is too much other required gear to be carried and it is a poor design when getting in and out of a vehicle.

Q: Would they support the notion of having it replaced in the duty belt?

A: The majority said YES.

An impact weapon can be a valuable device and has its place in close use of force confrontations. The problem that arises with an Expandable Police Baton is a partially because of its high visibility. When deployed it tends to escalate confrontations.

The new **IEW® (Impact Edged Weapon®)** addresses these situations in a low profile carry and low visibility deployment. It provides extremely effective incapacitating striking capabilities in a concealable impact weapon

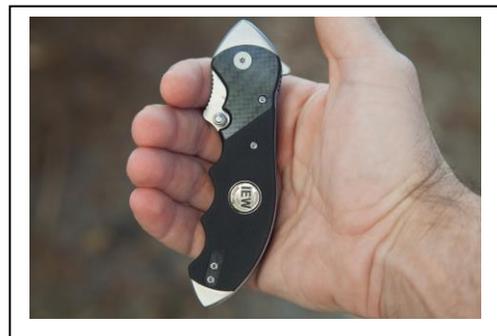
The **IEW®** was released at the **2015 Shot Show in Las Vegas**. It was received extremely well with law enforcement and knife enthusiasts.

Much has been learned in 32 years of use of force training in the control and restraint of violent subjects. All less lethal devices are designed to assist in the physical control of the subject. Restraint is accomplished after (or during) the employment of the tool assisting in the control of the subject for eventual restraint with handcuffs or other appliance.

OC Spray, Taser, less lethal munitions all disrupts the biological function of the body in different ways and eventually the psychological intent of the subject. All of these weapon systems can pose serious health risks that have resulted in the

deaths of numerous subjects regardless of age, physical condition and intoxicant involvement.

So what is the health or injury risk with an impact weapon? Basically nothing more than a blunt trauma injury. The primary strike zone with the **IEW**<sup>®</sup> is the thigh of the leg delivered in a hammer-fist type strike. It will take a subject down quickly leaving nothing more than a bruise and soreness in the strike area. A retired NYPD training officer I spoke with told me that had Eric Garner (NY non-choke hold event) been struck with the **IEW**<sup>®</sup> the whole incident may have had a different end result.



The **IEW**<sup>®</sup> delivers its powerful fluid shock wave energy transfer with the strike points on the ends. The blade has finger grooves that align with the handle providing solid and comfortable ergonomic control when striking or breaking windows.



The **IEW**<sup>®</sup> handle is constructed of carbon fiber and G-10 plastic. The blade is 440C with a straight and serrated edge for cutting of seats belts. The strike points and inner liner are constructed with stainless steel. The **IEW**<sup>®</sup> additionally has an ambidextrous belt clip, thumb studs, finger roll and is auto-assist. Each **IEW**<sup>®</sup> is individually serial numbered for ownership safeguard.

TJA Use of Force Training, Inc. is providing an **IEW**<sup>®</sup> Instructor Certification Kit<sup>©</sup> for Expandable Police Baton and Impact Weapon Instructors. (TJA has provided these kits for more 15 years for OC Instructor & recertification in several areas for law enforcement and corrections nationwide) The “kit” is U.S. Priority mailed to the Instructor. Contained in the kit is: USB thumb drive with an **IEW**<sup>®</sup> PowerPoint program; all basic course materials; instructor registered written exam and a self-stamped addressed envelope for mailing of the materials back to the TJA office. Once received within 7 working days, the instructor certificate is mailed to the instructor. **IEW**<sup>®</sup>'s are provided for departments at a discount price of \$75.00 (MSRP \$125.)

The **IEW**<sup>®</sup> is a great low profile, concealable impact weapon and a useful tactical knife.

For additional information: visit YouTube<sup>®</sup> “**IEW KNIFE**” or contact TJA Use of Force Training, Inc., 1301 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Court, Cape Coral, FL 33991; Main# 239-281-5181; [tja1@tactical-training.com](mailto:tja1@tactical-training.com) or [www.tactical-training.com](http://www.tactical-training.com).

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