

## INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

August 25, 2020  
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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** BOLAWRAP REMOTE RESTRAINT DEVICE PILOT EXTENSION

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. That the Board of Police Commissioners REVIEW and APPROVE the BolaWrap Remote Restraint Device Pilot Extension.

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It is requested that an additional 180 days be approved to continue to evaluate the BolaWrap for effectiveness. All existing BolaWrap Restraint Device procedures will remain in effect. Attached to this document is a matrix that identifies the nine incidents in which the Bola Wrap was deployed and the results of each deployment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Deputy Chief Martin A. Baeza, Personnel and Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.

Respectfully,



MICHEL R. MOORE  
Chief of Police

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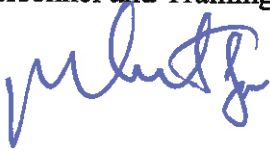
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**BolaWrap 100 Remote Restraint Device Pilot Program**

**Total number of incidents where device was used: 9**

**Number of incidents where the device was effective: 6**

| <b>BOLA WRAP 100 REMOTE RESTRAINT DEVICE</b> |             |                   |  |   |                      |  |
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| <b>Date</b>                                  | <b>Area</b> | <b>Assignment</b> | <b>Source of Activity</b>                | <b>Synopsis</b>   | <b>Effectiveness</b> | <b>Rationale for Effectiveness</b>                     |
| February 22, 2020                            | Hollywood   | Patrol            | Naked man running in and out of traffic  | Upon contact, suspect walked toward the officers. Officers deployed the BolaWrap. The tether made contact above the suspect's ankles, but did not wrap, as he was naked and there were no clothes to anchor to. The suspect took a fighting stance and once an officer deployed his baton, the suspect was taken into custody without further incident. | Effective            | No additional force was necessary.                     |
| February 27, 2020                            | Hollywood   | Patrol            | Radio call of a male with mental illness | Upon contact with suspect, officers deployed Bola Wrap. The tether made contact around the suspect's arms and the wrap was complete; however, the suspect was wearing a "puffy jacket."   | Ineffective          | Suspect immediately pulled his arms out of the tether. |

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| February 29, 2020 | Van Nuys   | Patrol | Radio call of an ADW suspect              | Officers observed the suspect with a pipe in his hands. Officers gave numerous verbal commands to the suspect to drop the pipe and get down on his knees. The suspect refused to comply. Officers deployed the 40mm Less-Lethal Launcher striking the suspect with no effect. Another officer deployed the BolaWrap at the suspect's legs. Although the tether did not completely wrap around his legs, the suspect immediately complied and was taken into custody without further incident. | Effective | No additional force was necessary following the BolaWrap. |
| March 3, 2020     | Central    | Patrol | Radio call of an ADW suspect with a knife | Suspect failed to comply with the officers' commands. Officers deployed the BolaWrap at the suspect's legs. The tether successfully wrapped around both the suspect's legs stopping his advancement and he was taken into custody.  | Effective | Stopped suspect's advancement.                            |
| March 9, 2020     | Devonshire | Patrol | Pursuit                                   | At the termination of the pursuit, the suspect failed to comply with the officers' commands. Officers deployed the BolaWrap on the suspect's legs. Although it did not wrap his legs, the suspect was startled and taken into custody.  | Effective | No additional force was necessary.                        |

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| March 12, 2020 | Central    | Patrol | Citizen<br>flagdown for a<br>man disturbing<br>the peace            | Officers deployed the BolaWrap on the suspect's legs. The tether struck the suspect's legs but did not wrap completely and he stepped out of the tether. The officers then utilized a team takedown to take the suspect into custody.   | Effective   | Suspect stopped walking away.               |
| March 12, 2020 | Mission    | Patrol | Radio call of an arson suspect in possession of a glass beer bottle | Officers deployed the BolaWrap. The tether struck the suspect's knee area where one anchor attached, while the other fell to the ground. The suspect was stunned by the impact and was taken into custody without further incident.   | Effective   | No additional force was necessary.          |
| April 18, 2020 | Devonshire | Patrol | Radio call of a family dispute                                      | Suspect was armed with a large stick. The officers deployed the BolaWrap and the tether impacted around his arms; however, it did not wrap. This may have been a result of the tether striking the fence behind the suspect. The officers then utilized a 40mm Less Lethal Launcher and the suspect was taken into custody. | Ineffective | Tether did not wrap.                        |
| June 3, 2020   | Pacific    | Patrol | 415 man in front of Pacific Community Police Station                | Suspect refused to comply with officers' orders and the BolaWrap was deployed.  | Ineffective | Officer missed the suspect with the tether. |