

**STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**FLASHBANGS**  
**SUBJECT**

**DATE:** March 1, 2005

**NO:** Q-1g

**FROM:** CHIEF ERIC JONES

**TO:** ALL PERSONNEL

**INDEX:** Flashbangs

**I. POLICY**

The Stockton Police Department will use concussion grenades (FLASHBANGS) in SWAT operations when necessary.

**II. PROCEDURE**

A. Authority

1. Flashbangs shall be used only on direct command from the SWAT Lieutenant or in the Lieutenant's absence, the commanding SWAT Sergeant.
2. The SWAT Commander will keep the Incident Commander fully apprised during major SWAT operations and critical incidents
  - a. Both the SWAT Commander and the Incident Commander will ensure the appropriate Deputy Chief is also apprised.
3. The preplanned use of flashbangs must be cleared with the SWAT Commander.
4. A SWAT member may use flashbangs in critical situations where the lives of citizens and/or officers are in immediate danger.
  - a. CAUTION -The circumstances must support the action taken.
5. Flashbangs will be used by SWAT personnel only.