



# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

### 665 – TIRE DEFLATION DEVICES

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**REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:**  
Assistant Chief Nicole Waldner  
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**ACTION:** Amends General Order 2020-09 (March 6, 2020)

**WILEAG STANDARD(S):** 6.2.11

#### ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.  
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

#### 665.05 DEFINITIONS

##### A. TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE

A device that is designed to puncture the pneumatic tire(s) of a vehicle that will result in the controlled deflation of the affected tire(s). The only tire deflation devices authorized for use by members of the department is are the StopTech, Ltd, Stop Stick® brand, Magnum Spike tire deflation device, and the Piranha Stop Stick.

##### B. STATIC APPLICATION

~~This is the sole recommended deployment method of the device, as it is the safest for deploying members.~~ A static application is characterized by a fixed, predetermined, or stationary placement of the device well in advance of its actual or intended use.

#### 665.10 ASSIGNMENT OF TIRE DEFLATION DEVICES & MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 6.2.11)

##### C. ALL TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE TRAINED MEMBERS

3. Members are prohibited from carrying and using any other tire deflation device that has not been approved for use or issued by the department or if the member has not been trained to utilize that brand of tire deflation device.

#### 665.15 DEPLOYMENT OF THE TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE (WILEAG 6.2.11)

- A. Tire deflation devices may be utilized only after supervisory approval and only by members who have successfully completed training by the Training Division or a certified LESB trainer in department policy (if applicable) in the use of the tire deflation device.
  1. Only members in uniform and in marked police vehicles shall utilize the StopTech, Ltd, Stop Stick® or Magnum Spike tire deflation device. Members in plain clothes or unmarked vehicles shall not utilize the StopTech, Ltd, Stop Stick® or Magnum

Spike tire deflation device.

2. Members who have been trained in the use of the Piranha Stop Stick may only deploy the Piranha Stop Stick as trained.  
(WILEAG 6.2.11.2 and 6.2.11.4)

L. Tire Deflation Devices shall not be deployed:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

M. Tire deflation devices may be pre-deployed (static application) to impede vehicle access to areas with large groups of pedestrians or crowds attending an event.

1. If tire deflation devices are to be used as a preventative measure for large groups of pedestrians or crowds attending an event, all involved members shall be briefed on their use as part of the operational plan.
2. Members assigned to pre-deploy tire deflation devices shall not leave them unattended.

## **665.25 REPORTING OF TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE USE**

A. Members will document the use of tire deflation devices in their incident reports or file a supplement to an existing incident report. The incident report should contain justification for using the tire deflation device, the outcome, the serial number of the device, information on damaged property, and any injuries.

### **1. StopTech, Ltd, Stop Stick® Deployments and Piranha Stop Stick Deployments**

The reporting member will also file the *Stop Stick Deployment Report* at [REDACTED]. Upon submitting the form online, the member will receive an email containing a copy of the *Stop Stick Deployment Report*. The member shall print a copy of the email and *Stop Stick Deployment Report* and provide it to their shift commander. A copy of the incident report and the *Stop Stick Deployment Report* will be retained and filed at each work location.

**Note: The *Stop Stick Deployment Report* is required by the manufacture to enact the warranty and subsequent replacement of the tire deflation device.**

### **2. Magnum Spike Deployments**

There are no additional reporting requirements to Magnum for Magnum Spike deployments.

- B. The shift commander will forward a copy of the incident report and the *Stop Stick Deployment Report* (if a Stop Stick deployment) through the chain of command to the ~~respective geographic assistant chief of police where the deployment took place~~ commanding officer of the Patrol Bureau with a copy to the commanding officer of the Administration Bureau and the Criminal Investigation Bureau. An additional copy of each report should be retained for the Training Division as it will be required for device replacement (see SOP 665.40).

#### **665.40 REPLACEMENT OF A TIRE DEFLATION DEVICE**

##### **B. REPLACEMENT AFTER USE**

2. Prior to receiving a replacement device for a StopTech, Ltd, Stop Stick®, the member requesting a new device must provide the Training Division with the used tire deflation device, a copy of the incident report and a copy of the *Stop Stick Deployment Report*.
3. Prior to receiving a replacement device for a Magnum Spike tire deflation device, the member requesting a new device must provide the Training Division with the used tire deflation device and a copy of the incident report.

##### **C. REPLACEMENT AFTER LOSS OR DAMAGE**

In the event of a lost or damaged tire deflation device, the member should bring the device to the Training Division for evaluation and replacement, if required. The member reporting the damage or loss must either file the incident report or have a copy of the incident report detailing the circumstances of the loss or damage.

**Note: Each stick has its own unique serial number for tracking purposes. The serial number sticker is attached to each stick enclosed in the sleeve and the number must be reported on the *Stop Stick Deployment Report* for StopTech, Ltd, Stop Stick® replacements.**



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