USE-OF-FORCE TACTICS
AND NON-LETHAL WEAPONRY

ALERT is a periodic training guide provided without cost to the law enforcement community. Previous editions have addressed Vehicle Searches and Interrogations and Confessions. In this paper, we look at some of the major use-of-force issues and controversies facing law enforcement personnel.

An expandable model of the straight baton is available, and is particularly suitable for plainclothes and special duty officers. An all-metal tokushu keibo collapsible/extendable baton has been in use by some Japanese police officers since 1966, and is currently issued to members of the Secret Service and U.S. Capitol Police. Japanese experience indicates the weapon is more effective than the wooden baton and causes less bodily harm.