



TOWN OF PINCHER CREEK POLICY



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Title: BATON USE BY SPECIAL CONSTABLES		

Policy Statement

The Town of Pincher Creek will provide guidelines for the use of a Baton by Special Constables.

1. Definitions

- 1.1 **Special Constable** shall mean the person appointed as a Special Constable under Section 42 of the Police Act.
- 1.2 **Town** shall mean the Municipality of the Town of Pincher Creek
- 1.3 **Baton** shall refer to A.S.P. Model F21, 15 ounces baton which opens to 21 inches from its closed length of 8 inches.

2. Procedures

- 2.1 The Town may issue a baton to its Special Constables who may be required to utilize a baton during the execution of their duties providing that:
 - 2.1.1 Special Constables are authorized to be issued a baton
 - 2.1.2 The baton is utilized as an aid in the arrest of a resisting person, or to control a person or crowd when lesser means are not likely to succeed, or have failed or more severe means are not yet required,
 - 2.1.3 The baton is utilized to control an attack or threat of an attack from animals.
- 2.2 The issue of a baton to Special Constables is conditional upon their having met the qualifications listed in clause (4).

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- 2.3 Special Constables shall only carry and use a baton which is issued by the Town.
- 2.4 Special Constables may carry a baton only when on duty as a Special Constable.
- 2.5 When a baton is in the office and not in possession of a Special Constable, it must be stored in a locked cabinet.
- 2.6 When a baton is in the possession of a Special Constable at his/her residence, and when it is not reasonable to have it locked at the office, the Special Constable must ensure proper storage of the baton, preferably in a locked cabinet.

3. Restriction of Use of Baton

- 3.1 Special Constables shall abide Department of Alberta Solicitor General Policy regarding the use of a baton.

4. Qualifications

- 4.1 Special Constables shall:
 - 4.1.1 Be trained in the use, care and handing of a baton in accordance with the Department of Alberta Solicitor General standards.
 - 4.1.2 Undergo testing, if directed to do so by the Department of Alberta Solicitor General, in accordance with the Department of Alberta Solicitor General standards.

5. End of Policy