

“Encyclopedia of Non-Lethal Weapons” Abstract

This presentation concerns a progress report on the Encyclopedia of Non-Lethal Weapons project begun in November 2004. To date, no such encyclopedia exists due to both the relative infancy of this field of study and the fact that this topic does not fit within traditional military history encyclopedia parameters. The intent of the project is to promote NLW education within police, military and governmental entities and help facilitate NLW understanding among the general public. This project is partially supported by the Less-Than-Lethal Weapons Program, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center-West. It will bring together a breadth of experts in the field of NLW (including law enforcement, military, governmental, academic and peace studies researchers) to act as entry contributors in order to provide a balanced view of the topic. In addition, the encyclopedia will include key document and reference sections. The project editors are Robert J. Bunker and Pamela L. Bunker. Early contributors include Sid Heal, Don Lund, Lexi Donne, John Dering, Matt Begert, John Sullivan, Dan Lindsay and Lisa Campbell. This project is partially supported by Counter-OPFOR Program, Less-Than-Lethal Weapons Project, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center-West, a Program of the National Institute of Justice. The final encyclopedia product is for public distribution.

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