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CHICOPEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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**SPECIAL ORDER: 13-5**

DISTRIBUTION: To All Personnel

FROM:

  
Chief Thomas G. Charette

DATE: May 16, 2013

**RE: ADDENDUM TO POLICY/PROCEDURE**

The following is an addendum to the policy/procedure **1.01 Use of Force Policy**:

**Nothing in this policy will prevent personnel from utilizing any readily available object (i.e. flashlight, radio, clipboard, etc.) as a weapon in an emergency. These items should not be used as a weapon of choice but rather as a weapon of opportunity if exigent circumstances exist that make their use as a weapon reasonably necessary for the protection of personnel or others. Any item used as a weapon of opportunity will be considered an impact weapon and should be used within the guidelines of standard impact weapons.**

Members of the department are to add this special order to their policy and procedure manual and familiarize themselves with the addition.

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