THE ROLE OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR

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NON-LETHAL DEFENSE: A DEFINITION

PRAGMATIC USE OF FORCE DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE LOSS OF LIFE WHILE ACCOMPLISHING A MILITARY OBJECTIVE

• GOALS INCLUDE:
  • NO UNINTENTIONAL LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE
  • CONTROLLED LEVELS OF PHYSICAL DAMAGE
  • EXPANDED OPTIONS FOR COMMANDERS
RECENT HISTORY OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS

- TENN VS GARNER
- 1986 DOJ CONFERENCE
- PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONS
- IRANIAN HOSTAGE
- COMPETITIVE STRATEGIES
- JUST CAUSE/UPHOLD DEMOCRACY
- URBAN COMBAT
- GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR
- STRATEGIC PARALYSIS
WHY NON-LETHAL WEAPONS?

- GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION
- MATURITY OF TECHNOLOGY
  - NEW EFFECTS BASED CAPABILITY
  - PRECISION STRIKE AVAILABILITY
- PEACE SUPPORT OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE
  - SOMALIA
  - HAITI
  - BALKANS
- GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR
  - COMPLEX TERRAIN
- CONTROL COLLATERAL CASUALTIES
EVOLUTION OF US MILITARY USE OF NLWS

PANAMA

HAITI

SOMALIA

KOSOVO
NON-LETHAL WEAPONS TECHNOLOGIES
BEANBAG ROUNDS
PepperBall Used To Stop Attacker in San Diego
ADVANCED NLWS ARE COMING
LEGAL REVIEW OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS
SEVEN DEADLY SINS OF NON-LETHAL WEAPONS

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A DECADE OF CONFLICT

AFGHANISTAN
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WHAT NEW ARMS RACE???

WORLD NLW $50M/Yr

$250M ea

$9B

$4B ea/ $22B Life Cycle

10 Tanks = all NLWs

WAR $5B/Mo

Non-Lethal Weapons are 0.012% of US DOD Budget
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NLWS AND TORTURE

Monk with torture devices used by Chinese

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Victoria with instruments of torture

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Maximum pain is aim of new US weapon

19:00 02 March 2005
Exclusive from New Scientist Print Edition
David Hambling

“It could be used for torture…” John Wood, University College London

“I am deeply concerned about the ethical aspects…” Andrew Rice

“Pain researchers are furious…” David Hambling
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More than 110 deaths of children under 6

17 deaths with 125,000 rounds fired
Probability of fatality 0.00014

Compared to what????

THE ISSUE IS TRAINING AND SUPERVISION
COMPARED TO WHAT?

Foam Baton

Bean-Bag Round

10mm Black Talon
TASER AS TARGET

CATCH 22

- 103 DEATHS FROM TASER??  (AI 14 April 06)
- ONLY 6 AUTOPSIES FIND TASER A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR
- NO INDEPENDENT RESEARCH - WHAT ABOUT THE AUTOPSIES
- HOW MANY IN-CUSTODY DEATHS WITHOUT TASER?
- WHAT IS THE TIMING OF NEWS ARTICLES?
- INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE/SABOTAGE
- NO NEWS STORY EVER DIES – EVEN WHEN DISPROVED
IS THERE AN AGENDA???

Amnesty International
Calls For Taser Suspension

SUPPORT THE BAN ON
"LESS - LETHAL"
WEAPONRY

EPIDEMIC
ERGOFUSION

REMEMBER
DEEP THROAT
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NAILING A FOOT TO THE FLOOR

MOSCOW THEATER

A MATTER OF CHOICE
INCAPACITATING AGENTS

WHAT YOU DID READ:
- NERVE GAS KILLED RUSSIAN HOSTAGES (UPI)
- DEADLY END TO MOSCOW SIEGE SHOWS DANGERS OF INCAPACITATING CHEMICALS (AP)
- CONCERN ARISES OVER TYPE OF GAS USED BY MOSCOW (WASH POST)
- USE OF GAS RISKS OTHERS FOLLOWING SUIT (SF CHRONICLE)

WHAT YOU SHOULD HAVE READ:
HUNDREDS SAVED BY USE OF INCAPACITATING AGENT

WOULD YOU SET TODAY’S SPEED LIMITS BASED ON AUTOMOBILE TECHNOLOGY OF 1900???
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SUPPRESSING DISSENT

Nepal

Brazil

Watts, CA

Madrid

Mexico City
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HOW GOOD IS GOOD ENOUGH?

Effectiveness (Skin Pain)

Permanent Injury (Eye Trauma)

Serious Injury

Dose

Risk of Injury (%)

Effectiveness

Non-Lethality Index (Startle)
BUT WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE WHO:

• HAVE PACEMAKERS?
• EXTREME HEART CONDITIONS?
• ARE ASTHMATIC?
• ARE VERY OLD?
• ARE BLIND, DEAF MIDGETS WITH PARKINSON’S?

“Life is tough; it’s tougher when you’re stupid.”
John Wayne as SGT John Stryker
Sands of Iwo Jima
PERCEPTION

THE PROBLEM OF DIFFERING WORLD VIEWS

AIN’T IT AWFUL???
THE WORLD AS SEEN BY PHILOSOPHICAL GROUPS
THE WORLD AS IT IS
“There are two things that are infinite.....the universe and human stupidity. And I’m not sure about the former.”
RECONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

• WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU SOLVING?
• COMPLAINTS BASED ON EMOTION VS. FACTS
• BLAME TECHNOLOGY FOR HUMAN PROBLEMS
• CHEMICAL & BIOLOGICAL AGENTS HAVE PEACEFUL PURPOSES
• MORE OPTIONS ARE PREFERABLE TO LESS
• THE RESULTS ARE IN: NLWS ARE NOT A ROAD TO HELL

THE PRIMARY QUESTION SHOULD BE:

COMPARED TO WHAT?
COMING SOON TO A COMMUNITY NEAR YOU

NLWS: NOW MORE THAN EVER
IS IT BETTER THAN A ROCK?

WE NEED PRECISION STRIKE BEYOND 60 METERS: PREFER HUNDREDS OF METERS
NOW IT’S YOUR KIDS IN THE SCHOOL: WHAT WEAPONS DO YOU WANT POLICE TO USE??
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

GOD BLESS AMERICA