

Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD)

312.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for the deployment and use of the Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD).

312.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Chico Police Department that a Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD) may be used to communicate with the community during natural disasters, crowd management and control situations, or when other forms of communication are ineffective or inadequate to unequivocally communicate with the public. The LRAD 100X is not designed to be used as a weapon. The LRAD shall only be used by officers trained in its deployment and used in a manner consistent with department policy and training.

312.3 DEFINITIONS

Long Range Acoustical Device (LRAD) - A high intensity directional acoustical array for long range, clear hailing and notification. The LRAD is primarily used as a communication device and can transmit live or prerecorded messages.

LRAD 100x - A portable LRAD device that can be carried by one person.

312.4 USE OF LRAD FOR COMMUNICATION

Members of the Chico Police Department may use the LRAD during the following types of situations:

- (a) Dispersal of crowds.
- (b) Natural Disasters.
- (c) Evacuations.
- (d) Communicate to protestors.
- (e) Search and rescue operations.
- (f) Hostage and barricaded subject incidents.
- (g) Suicidal persons where other methods of communication are ineffective or not practical.
- (h) Service of high-risk search or arrest warrants. (i) Crowd communication during large scale events such as parades, festivals or concerts.
- (j) Traffic control management.
- (k) Enforce perimeters or establish safety areas during rapidly evolving events.

A Long Range Acoustical Device may only be deployed with the approval of the Watch Commander or Incident Commander. In a rapidly evolving event where there is the likelihood of

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serious injury or property damage, trained personnel are permitted to deploy the LRAD for use as a communication tool with supervisor approval. The scene supervisor shall ensure the Watch Commander or Incident Commander is notified as soon as practical.

312.5 WARNING TONE

The LRAD warning tone shall **NOT** be used under any circumstances.