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The Shock Troops Set Up as a Less Lethal Weapon

Shock Tactics Used As A Less-Lethal Weapon

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Summary

The scope of this research focused on the importance of mounted police as a less-lethal weapon. To this end, conceptual and legal aspects of less-lethal weapons were observed, as well as the use of police horses as such. From this perspective, the importance of this scientific research for society is considered, since the role of the military police officer for the community is quite broad, ranging from the concept centered on the preservation of public order. The methodological instruments used were qualitative research, through bibliographic research in articles, books, and journals related to the thematic area addressed. The bibliographic results reveal that in police forces, the horse is an extremely active instrument due to various qualities and functions of employment as an aid in combating crime. Among these, police horses possess abilities that we, human beings, do not possess, such as superior strength, height, and speed. Due to the impressive results that horses have shown in public safety activities, it has sparked a desire for Brazilian security forces to use horses as a tool to better contribute to the control of civil disturbances.

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Abstract

The central objective of this research focused on the importance of mounted police as a less-lethal weapon. To this end, conceptual and legal aspects of less-lethal weapons were observed, as well as the use of police horses as such. From this perspective, the importance of this scientific research for society is considered, since the role of the military police officer for the community is quite broad, ranging from the concept centered on the preservation of public order. The methodological instruments used were qualitative research, through bibliographic research in articles, books, and journals related to the thematic area addressed. The bibliographic results reveal that in police forces, the horse is an extremely active instrument due to its various qualities and functions in combating crime. Among these, police horses possess abilities that we humans do not, such as superior strength, height, and speed. Due to the impressive results that horses have shown in public safety activities, there has been a desire for Brazilian security forces to use horses as a tool to better contribute to the control of civil disturbances.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Mounted shock troops (cavalry) act as a less-lethal weapon (LLW).

In civil disturbances and crowd control, designed to contain and disperse crowds with low lethality.

Used to ensure public order, the horse offers physical and psychological superiority, being

An alternative to firearms. The police horse is already used as a type of force, determined

by the public administration and in the interest of the community, based on parameters in the legislation. Brazilian.

The use of cavalry requires specialized training to operate safely and ethically.

ensuring that the horse and rider operate in accordance with human rights principles.

In police riot control operations using horses, they can be employed in crowd control.



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disturbances, prison perimeters, sports arenas, repossession, escorts, among others.

others.

Considering that the constitutional role of the Military Police in the State of Amazonas is to offer
The feeling of public safety, through visible policing, from this perspective, the question
The scientific question being asked is: what is the importance of using mounted riot police as an instrument?
Less offensive?

To resolve this issue, a guiding hypothesis was proposed that, due to the results...
categorical operational and psychological traits that horses exhibited in safety activities
The public has sparked a desire for Brazilian security forces to use horses as...
A tool to better contribute to the activity of controlling disturbances and related matters.

In this context, the overall objective is to highlight the importance of the police horse as a tool.
of lesser offensive potential. For this, the following specific objectives were used: 1. Observe
Conceptual and legal aspects of less-lethal weapons; 2. Analyze the troop of
Shock tactics are used as instruments of lesser offensive potential.

From this perspective, the importance of this scientific research for society is recognized, since
that the role of the military police officer for the community is quite broad, ranging from a conception centered on
"preservation of public order," which is a fragment of Article 144 of the 1988 Federal Constitution.
which clarifies that public safety is the duty of the State, a right and responsibility of all, and is
exercised for the preservation of public order and the safety of persons and property.
(BRAZIL, 1988) and combating crime, up to the understanding of a police officer providing service.
A public figure, a forensic police officer knowledgeable in the science involved, operating with horses as
Less lethal weapons.

This work also implies actions in the academic sphere, in the areas of research and
extension, combined with a social commitment to the scientific and humanitarian advancement of the military police.
In other words, intellectual production within the academic sphere is of utmost importance, because...
Scientific productions in their various manifestations and materializations are configured as
Mechanisms for disseminating research results that move beyond the academic realm and take on a more formal form.
within the police institution and in society, it is through intellectual production that the
institutional demarcations and externalized activities that initially take place in contexts
within the walls, in order to seek integrated social development. The realization of this study also
This will provide professional development for the author who, in addition to being a military police officer, also works
in the Mounted Police Regiment and holder of the mounted riot control course.

This article is subdivided into a theoretical framework, which addresses the main authors.
which deal with the concepts and legalities of less-lethal weapons and about
Horse as a police tool; methodological section, detailing the procedures.



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methodological aspects used during the research; results and discussion, where the following are presented: research results; and the conclusion, with the final considerations of the author of the research, based on based on the results obtained.

2. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

In this section, we sought authors who address the topic, thus providing a better understanding. We will address topical issues as a less-lethal tool, addressing... concepts and legality, use of force and proportionality, and the horse as an alternative instrument of lower offensive potential.

2.1 Less Lethal Weapons: Concepts and Legality

Less-lethal weapons are those specifically designed to, with low probability of causing death or permanent injury, containing, weakening or disabling temporarily incapacitate people. Examples include: pepper spray, tear gas, stun grenades. moral control, smoke agents, electric shock weapons, including the use of police dogs.

According to Law No. 13.060/2014, public security agencies, when acting In their duties, they should primarily use weapons with less lethal potential, which They are known by the acronym IMPO.

Law No. 13.060/2014 expressly states two situations in which it is not legitimate (it is not The use of firearms is permitted.

I - against a fleeing person who is unarmed or who does not pose an immediate risk of death or harm.

injury to public security agents or third parties; and

II - against a vehicle that disregards a police roadblock on a public road, except when the act represents Risk of death or injury to law enforcement officers or third parties.

To that end, Betini and Duarte (2013) and Kelmer (2019) report that governments and organizations Law enforcement officials must ensure that all law enforcement officers are selected according to the appropriate procedures, possess the moral qualities and aptitudes psychological and physical requirements for the proper performance of their duties and receive training. Continuous and complete professional development. Their capacity should be subject to periodic reassessment. so that they can continue to perform these functions.

Less-lethal weapons (LLWs) most commonly used by police forces Brazilian examples include: police batons; chemical agent sprayers; chemical munitions, encompassing Outdoor and indoor hand grenades, as well as chemical gas canisters and projectiles; rifle 12 gauge; non-lethal ammunition launcher; controlled impact ammunition (elastomer/rubber); electroshock weapons (ESPs); police dogs, handcuffs, and horses by means of



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The physical strength of horses combined with the potential of chemical weapons technology. This combination...
proves effective in a variety of operational scenarios, highlighting the continued relevance of
Cavalry in modern operations.

3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Conducting research is important and necessary because it investigates the world in which human beings live.
and human beings themselves. However, for him, research only exists with the support of procedures.
appropriate methodological approaches that allow for a closer look at the object of study.

According to Gil (1999), there are two general types of reasons for proposing questions of
Research: intellectual pursuits, based on the desire to know or understand, for the satisfaction of knowing.
or to understand; the practices, based on the desire to know in order to become capable of doing something.
better or more efficiently.

Regarding the objective, the newlywed research had an exploratory nature, which, according to the author...
The aforementioned is characterized by the lack of scientifically produced information that...
that would meet the needs of the proposed research, which, within the scope of canine operations in
In a highly complex environment, one tends to achieve greater familiarity with the problem, with
with a view to making it explicit, since there is nothing written institutionally on the subject, and little
related research at the national level, thus configuring an Action Research project, referring to
Combating environmental crimes in the state of Amazonas through the use of dogs that detect illegal activities.
environmental.

In the meantime, relevant bibliographic and documentary surveys were carried out, which
This converges with Gil (1999) who states that when understanding bibliographic research as the
A survey of all published bibliography in the form of books, periodicals (journals), theses, and proceedings.
of congresses, where its purpose is to provide the researcher with access to the literature produced
about a particular subject.

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

According to Carvalho Filho (2017), cavalry represents a symbiosis between strength and
The skill of horses, coupled with chemical weapons technology. Although the shock
Although assembly is a practice with historical roots, it remains highly functional in
In contemporary times, this technology combines the physical strength of horses with the potential of weaponry technology.
chemical. This combination proves effective in a variety of operational scenarios, highlighting the
The continued relevance of cavalry in modern operations.

One tool that stands out as one of the most effective and least harmful means is the use of...



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of the psychological effects of riot police, through the show of force. The mere presence of the police is enough.

The physical attributes of the police horse are used to achieve a persuasive profile in action. In this sense, after exhausting a

Possible dialogue, the assault by the mostly mounted riot police neutralizes the danger and

It allows for the safe dispersal of the crowd. It is therefore clear that the achievement of the satisfaction of the action...

The use of horses by police officers proves to be beneficial and necessary, a concept that should be more widely adopted.

widespread and used with greater emphasis by riot control operations.

According to Hutson et al (1997), in order to perform police work, horses are trained to

To execute a powerful advance force in response to the order of a cavalry charge against the crowd. Those

Those who argue that horses no longer have a place in public safety generally lack...

from direct experience witnessing the cavalry in action, without knowing its critical role in

real-life situations.

According to Miranda (2011), as a suspect, during the approach of the binomial

Police/horse, these are classified as: cooperative mob, passive resistant mob, resistant mob

Active and lethal aggression against a police officer, as stipulated by the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Regarding the use of mounted troops, such as mounted police forces. These

Units cause a significant psychological impact, with the effect of a single unit estimated to be...

One mounted police officer is equivalent to the work of approximately ten police officers on foot. This impact

This is enhanced by the presence of modern technology in support, such as nearby patrol vehicles.

to the area of operation of the cavalry. These vehicles can transport equipment such as gas grenades,

Tear gas grenades, pepper spray, and crowd control devices. Therefore, the

The contemporary approach involves a combination of physical strength and psychological impact.

The benefits provided by horses, along with the strategic integration of advanced technology.

This approach aims to optimize the effectiveness of operations in military and law enforcement contexts.

In police forces, the horse is an extremely useful tool due to various...

Qualities and functions of employment as an aid in combating crime. Among them, horses.

They possess abilities that we humans do not; horses are faster and stronger.

superior, and adverse psychological effect.

According to Rocha (2016), it is through technical and tactical training that the horse will be enabled to

to be employed in a specific role, adapting the animal's natural behaviors through

Teaching and training methods according to their individual characteristics. The horse of

Shock troops are compassionate towards human beings.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

The results obtained suggest that the use of cavalry not only remains valid, but

It also brings tangible benefits, such as mobility, visibility, and the unique ability to establish



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A positive presence in the community. At a time when trust between police forces is strained.

And since the community is crucial, the presence of horses not only strengthens police authority, but also
It contributes to building bridges of understanding and cooperation.

Due to the categorical results that horses presented in security activities.

The public has sparked a desire for Brazilian security forces to use horses as...

A tool to better contribute to crowd control activities.

The use of horses serves to assist the police force in its dangerous activities.

and which require strength, but with agility and quality in the security of the corporation and of

community. The use of mounted riot police is based on legality, in which the police officer

He decides how he will use the cavalry charge in action against a disturbance, always.

Respecting Brazilian laws, the horse and the police officer must be trained to dissuade the crowd.

crime, based on the psychological impact that the horse and the police officer exert together. Above all

In its professional role within the community, the horse is not merely an instrument or tool that...

It is used and then placed on a shelf, for it is endowed with intelligence, feelings, and knowledge.

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