

Many of the less-than-lethal weapons the police use are banned by the Geneva Convention for use by the world's militaries in warzones. These weapons just allow the police to justify the use of force more often because of the incorrect belief that they won't kill the person they're using them on. As we all know, these less-than-lethal chemical incapacitants and kinetic impact projectiles have killed or permanently maimed many people throughout the country for many years. Police training needs to begin to emphasize non-violent de-escalation tactics and this can only begin when the police no longer have these convenient violent tools. This committee should vote for HB 2928 and greatly regulate the use of chemical incapacitants, kinetic impact projectiles, and sound devices and begin the process of ending the use of these weapons altogether.