

Booby trap kit with TG 6 was emplaced easily using pre-drilled holes on the mount. The fit of mount and TG 6 was good. Nice to see a manufacturer thinking about dual-use products for training, given budgetary issues for most governmental agencies.

THUMPER TG 6 NON-PYROTECHNIC A BANG THE

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They are known as flash bangs, bangs, noise/flash diversionary devices, distraction devices and I'd imagine one or two other names.

After early uses by the Israelis at Entebbe, the West Germans in Mogadishu and the British at Princes Gate, the idea of using a very bright and loud noise to distract the Bad Guys before coming through their door spread to American law enforcement tactical teams. Over time, they have migrated from national special-mission units down to conventional Infantry units and from big-city SWAT elements down to part-time SWAT teams as well as narcotics units. Regardless of who is deploying them, training in their use and employment should be viewed as mandatory.

WHY TRAIN WITH FLASH BANGS?

Why train with them? Legal liability is a fact of life. Every jurisdiction seems to have attorneys who can't wait to sue the trousers off agencies and/or individual officers. Sadly, that is more of a driving force than the obvious: If you are going to use a tool in a real world high-risk situation, you had better get used to using it before it is "for real."

Until recently, the only way to train for using these devices was with either a live device or a down-loaded training version. Both have a cost factor associated with them, along with other concerns related to explosive devices.

So how have these concerns been overcome? Recently Andrew Van DerPlaats at Non-Lethal Training Munitions (NLTM), LLC, contacted S.W.A.T. Magazine about a new offering of theirs: the Thumper TG 6 Training Grenade. They describe the TG 6 as a non-pyrotechnic, re-usable flash bang-style training device. It is.

TG 6: CONSTRUCTION AND ASSEMBLY

The construction of the device is relatively simple but solid. The main body consists of two pieces of machined aluminum stock. The bottom portion houses an eight-gram CO2 canister and has