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## LED Assault Weapons

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Dear City Attorney, Lake Worth, Texas, and Council,

We were notified that the Lake Worth, Texas Police Department uses unauthorized, unregulated LED flashing lights on their police vehicles. LED flashing lights act as assault weapons due to the high intensity of the light beam and violate basic human civil rights. To our knowledge, there are no government regulations authorizing the use of LED flashing lights.

The Lake Worth Police Department proudly displays these LED lights on their home page.



A dashcam video from 2021 shows the Lake Worth police violently assaulting a person on a motorcycle with these LED flashing lights prior at an intersection. (<https://youtu.be/M3QvLhOMWgw>) As expected, the LED light beam assault triggered a fight, flight, or freeze reaction from the motorcyclist who feared for his safety. In the video, you can see also that the LED flashing lights are so intense that the LED light beams reflect off the many highway signs back into the eyes of the police officer, agitating the police officer and likely causing the officer to purposely run over the motorcyclist at the end of the chase.



We have seen these results many times from the use of LED assault weapons. To protect the lives of police officers and the lives of citizens, and to protect the city of Lake Worth from liability, the Police Department must abandon the use of LED flashing lights because they are unauthorized, unregulated, toxic, hazardous, and discriminatory.

This email constitutes a public comment and shall be provided whenever a public records is made related to police civil rights violations.

Sincerely,

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