

## Non-Lethal Arms Options



*Rippel 6 shot 37mm launcher*

**The Home Office (HO) is currently reviewing what UK police forces are allowed to have as less lethal arms options**

Forces will be allowed later this year to replace their original HK single launchers. Oceania Defence Ltd have worked with Rippel to modify this product with a barrel twist to stabilise the existing projectile; this iteration should be available later this year once the agreed list of products is produced by the HO. While use of a single round launcher often does not immobilize the assailant, a multi launcher gives the officer the ability to quickly re-engage, increasing the likelihood that the threat will be immobilized.

### **Suppressors for general armed police**

Although CTFO have historically used and had the benefit of suppressors, UK armed police have not. The HO is currently going through the process of producing a list of allowable suppressors for UK armed police. Suppressors will soon be sent to DSTL for testing. Oceania Defence 3D metal printed suppressors will be submitted for this process. OD suppressors are known worldwide and used by military and security forces as being the best in the market.



## Hera rifles Germany

While Hera rifles are a German brand better known for precision AR semi-automatic rifles for the civilian market, the majority of their production focus has now been transferred to military and police production. They have produced a lightweight AR10 semi auto 308 rifle with a 13-inch barrel. The 13-inch barrel is currently popular with EU police forces for its compactness and the efficacy of the .308 round. Historically, rifles of this calibre in this barrel configuration have had functionality issues and have not been fit for purpose. The Hera version has been developed and tested to ensure that there are no such functionality issues. This platform is about to go through testing with UK police.

