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GENERAL ORDER

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this General Order is to establish a policy governing the use of the Advanced Taser X2 and X26 Electronic Control Device (ECD). In General Order #09.05; Use of Force, the use of the Taser has been added for use by members of the department. Accordingly, the following procedure will be followed regarding the use of the Advanced Taser X2 and X26.

I. AUTHORIZED LESS THAN LETHAL WEAPON:

- A. Advanced Taser X2 and X26 ECD is the only authorized Neuro-Muscular Incapacitation (NMI) device for use by members of this department.
- B. No other type or make of an ECD shall be carried or used without the authorization of the Chief of Police.
- C. No officers shall use the Advanced Taser X2 and X26 unless they have successfully been trained in its use and proficiency by a certified Taser instructor. Retraining must be completed annually.
- D. Officers shall test the Advanced Taser X2 and X26 outside of the building to ensure the maximum of safety. Spark tests and battery checks shall be done at the beginning of the tour.

II. USE OF ADVANCE TASER X2 AND X26:

- A. Advanced Taser X2 and X26 may be used when the officer is justified in using physical force in accordance with General Order GO#09.05; Use of Force, Section II, C., Section III, and Section IV, B.
- B. When utilizing the Advanced Taser X2 and X26, officers should ensure the following precautions are taken;

1. When feasible, before deployment of the Advanced Taser X2 and X26, officers should make every effort to inform other officers involved in the incident that a Taser is being deployed. This shall be accomplished both verbally and with a radio transmission of “**TASER**”.
2. Whenever possible, a warning of imminent use shall be given to the suspect prior to the deployment of the Taser unless such a warning would increase the risk of greater injury to officers, citizens, or the suspect.
3. Officers carrying the Advanced Taser X2 and X26 shall carry the device in an department issued or department approved holster on their support side.
4. The Advanced Taser X2 and X26 shall be aimed at the center body mass. The device should not be deliberately aimed at the face, neck, or groin area.
5. The Advanced Taser X2 and X26 can be used at a distance up to 25 feet with the 25 foot cartridge, however, the optimum distance is 7-10 feet with this cartridge. There is also a tactical cartridge that can be used from 25 feet to 35 feet. The tactical cartridge shall only be used for circumstances where the threat is at 25 feet and not greater than 35 feet.
6. Upon deployment of the Taser in either the probe deployment and/or drive stun mode, officers will evaluate the need for medical attention for the suspect as they would with any other use of force incident. If the subject involved requests medical attention, the appropriate medical attention shall be immediately provided to the suspect at the scene or at a hospital.
7. In the event that a probe strikes a sensitive region of the body (neck, face, throat, groin, genitals, female breast), such transportation to a medical facility shall be mandatory and provided via ambulance service.
8. Officers who have been trained in probe removal may safely remove the Taser probes from the subjects as trained and by using the proper universal safety precautions.
9. The advanced Taser **will not** be deployed on:
 - a. Subjects who have come into contact with flammables, or in environments where flammables are obviously present.
 - b. Subjects in bodies of water where the risk of drowning exists.
 - c. Subjects driving vehicles or machinery
 - d. Subjects in elevated positions, where a risk of a substantial fall exists
 - e. Subjects in handcuffs
10. The expended Taser cartridge, probes, and some of the AFID tabs will be collected as evidence and shall be treated as a biohazard. The probes may be safely contained by inverting them, placing them into the cartridge, and taping them into place. A photograph shall be taken of the impact sites when possible.
11. Officers should only apply the minimum number of cycles reasonably necessary to

allow them to gain control of the subject.

12. Officers should not deploy the Taser in a confined space where the likelihood of striking an innocent person exists.
- C. When utilizing the Advanced Taser X2 and X26 officers **should not:**
1. *utilize on elderly persons,
 2. *utilize on young children,
 3. *utilize on pregnant females.
* (the use of the Advance Taser X2 and X26 may be considered only after all other means short of lethal force have been considered and/or exhausted.)
- D. When practical, a Shift Supervisor shall be notified of the intent to use the Advanced Taser X2 and X26. This will not preclude an officer's ability to use the device without such notification, but a Shift Supervisor shall immediately be notified and respond to the scene after such use, regardless of the circumstances of deployment and in accordance with G.O. #09.05 Use of Force; section IV paragraph E.

III. REPORTING PROCEDURE:

- A. Officers shall document the use of the Advanced Taser X2 and X26 on the Use of Force Report, the incident and/or arrest report.
- B. A supervisory officer or Advanced Taser instructor shall additionally complete the Supervisory Taser Use Report.
- C. Upon a Taser usage, the supervisor will notify a certified Taser instructor to conduct a data download of the weapon used, using the appropriate software and attach the report to the Supervisory Taser use Report.

IV CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF TASERS

- A. All Taser operators will use due care for the Tasers and related equipment and not treat them to any unnecessary abuse or drops.
- B. Any Taser not functioning properly will immediately be taken out of service. Notification is to be made to the Taser instructors via our internal e-mail system.
- C. Any accidental discharges of the Taser will result in the shift supervisor being notified as soon as possible.
- D. Any Taser contaminated by any body fluids will be wiped down and cleaned with disinfectant wipes by the operator who was using it at the time it became contaminated.
- E. Taser instructors will be responsible for download maintenance and setting of the internal clock. They will also be responsible for contacting Taser International to remedy any issues involving the Taser units.



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**SUPERVISORY
TASER® International USE REPORT**

Blotter # _____

Case # _____

Officer's Name _____ Rank _____ Date/Time _____

Subject's Name _____ DOB _____

Location of Incident _____

Date of the Incident _____ Time of Incident _____

Charges _____ Booked: Y / N _____

Advanced X2 or X26 AIR TASER Serial # _____

Medical Attention given to subject Y/N _____

Medical Facility _____ Doctor _____

ER#: _____ Amb PCR#: _____

Nature of the Injuries and Medical Treatment Required: _____

Admitted to Hospital for Injuries: Y / N _____ Where _____

Admitted to Hospital for Psychiatric: Y / N _____ Where _____

All Other Officer(s) Involved:

Nature of the Call or Incident: _____

Suspect Under the influence: Drugs / Alcohol Type _____

Summary of the Actions of Officer(s) Involved: _____

Was an Officer, Police Employee, Volunteer or Citizen Injured? Y / N _____

Incident Type {Circle appropriate response(s) below}:

Civil Disturbance Suicidal Violent Suspect Barricade Warrant Service Other _____

Suspect:

Age: _____ **Sex:** _____ **Height:** _____ **Race:** _____ **Build:** () Heavy () Med. () Trim

Suspect wearing heaving clothes: Y / N _____

Actual TASER application: _____ Arc Display _____ Taser Display _____ Taser use _____ Stun use _____

TASER: Is this a dart probe contact: Y / N _____

Approximate target distance at the time of the dart launch: _____

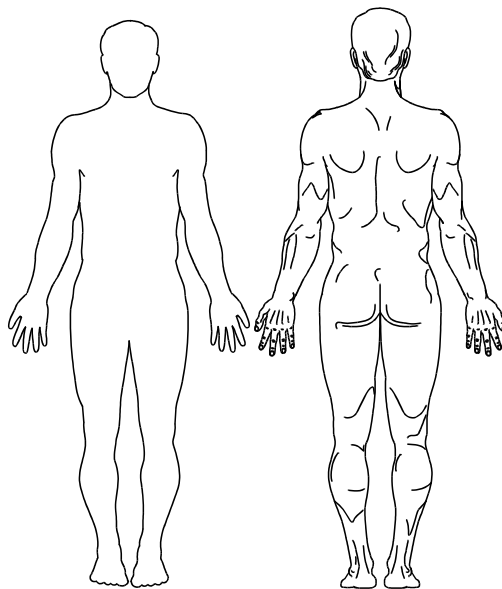
Need for an additional shot? Y / N _____

Did dart contacts penetrate the subject's skin? Y / N _____

TASER: Did the application cause injury: Y / N _____

DESCRIPTION OF INJURY:

APPLICATION AREAS - Points of contact



Did the device function satisfactorily? Y / N _____

Describe the subject's demeanor before the device was used or displayed.

Describe the subject's demeanor after the device was used or displayed.

Need for additional applications? Y / N _____

Describe other means attempted to control the subject:

Chemical Spray: Y/N _____

Baton or Blunt Instrument: Y/N _____

Authorized control holds: Y/N _____

Photographs Taken: Y/N _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Completed by: _____ Date _____

Supervisor review by: _____ Date _____