

ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE (TASERS) [CALEA 1.3.9]NEW TOPIC 06 01 11 PER [GO#01/06](#)AMENDED 06 09 05 PER [GO#58/06](#)AMENDED 07 02 09 PER [GO#03/07](#)SEE [RO #230/09](#) & [RO #232/09](#)**GENERAL INFORMATION****1. Definitions**

A. 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

B. Electronic Control Device – means a device designed to disrupt a subject's central nervous system by means of deploying battery powered electrical energy, sufficient to cause uncontrolled muscle contractions and override their sensory and motor nervous systems.

2. Principle

A. Only weapons authorized by the Service shall be issued, carried and used by members. [CALEA 1.3.9]

3. Policy

A. Only the level of force that reasonably appears necessary to control, or otherwise subdue, violent or potentially violent individuals shall be used. Electronic Control Devices (i.e. Taser) may be used by authorized and trained police members in accordance with the use of force policy and additional established guidelines. [CALEA 1.3.4 & 1.3.10]

4. Use of Force Continuum

A. The Taser is considered an intermediate weapon on the use of force continuum, and decisions to use them involve the same justification.

5. Prohibited Use

A. Tasers are prohibited from being used:

- 1) In a punitive manner.
- 2) On a handcuffed/secured suspect, absent of overtly assaultive behaviour that cannot be reasonably dealt with in any other less intrusive fashion.
- 3) On a suspect who does not demonstrate their obvious intention to use violence or force against the police member, another person or themselves.
- 4) On a suspect who does not demonstrate their obvious intention of fleeing to resist/avoid detention or arrest (i.e. cases where police members would pursue on foot).

5) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

6) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

6. Drive Stun Mode

A. When a Taser is used in a drive stun mode, it is:

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

3) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

4) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

7. Storage

- A. Electronic Control Devices (Tasers) and cartridges will be stored in a locked cabinet or in a locked area.
- B. Access to the locked cabinet or locked area is restricted to that division's Commander and Shift Supervisors.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. Police Member shall:

A. 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

B. Training and Inspection [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

1) Satisfactorily complete a Service approved Taser X26 training course every two calendar years.

a) In the alternate year to the Taser X26 training course, attend a refresher session. [CALEA 1.3.11]

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

i) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

ii) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

iii) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

iv) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

v) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

vi) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

3) If using a mobile laptop, log in the Taser serial number.

4) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

5) Inspect the Taser for damage when signing it back in.

6) Notify the Shift Supervisor of any damaged and non-functioning Tasers.

C. Criteria For Taser Use

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

b) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

c) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

d) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

e) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

2) If necessary, use a Taser to protect against aggressive animals.

D. Transport

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

3) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

4) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

b) Replace cartridges in accordance with the manufacturer's expiration requirements.

E. Preparation For Deployment

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

3) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

4) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

F. Deployment

1) Energize the suspect the least number of times required, and no longer than necessary, to accomplish legitimate operational objectives.

2) Secure the suspect as soon as practical and while disabled, to minimize the number of deployment cycles.

G. After Deployment

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

3) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

b) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

c) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

d) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

e) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

i) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

f) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

g) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

h) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

4) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

i) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

ii) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

b) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

c) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

d) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

i) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

e) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

f) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

g) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

5) Complete a [Use of Force Report \(P-079\)](#). [CALEA 1.3.6]

6) If applicable, complete a [Prisoner Injury Report \(P-300\)](#).

H. Drive Stun Mode

1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

3) Notify a Supervisor as soon as practicable.

4) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c) [Redacted]

5) Complete a [Use of Force Report \(P-079\)](#). [CALEA 1.3.6]

6) If applicable, complete a [Prisoner Injury Report \(P-300\)](#).

I. Coercion Mode

- 1) In applicable circumstances as outlined in training, use the Taser as a coercion device.
- 2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

J. Non Use of Force Discharge

- 1) If a Taser is accidentally discharged and a person has been hit, follow all the procedures under [After Deployment](#).
- 2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
 - a) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
 - i) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
 - b) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
 - c) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
- 3) Notify their Supervisor of the incident.
- 4) Create an occurrence number and submit a report following procedure in the [Police Reports](#) topic.
- 5) Submit a completed [Taser-Non Use of Force Discharge \(P-663\)](#) form to their Commander.

2. Plainclothes Member shall:

A. Use of Tasers [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

- 1) Follow procedure under [Police Member](#) and carry the Taser according to training procedures.

3. Shift Supervisor shall:

A. Damaged or Non-Functioning Devices [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

- 1) Immediately remove any damaged or non-functioning Taser or cartridge from service.
 - a) Arrange to have them taken to the Service Armourer, Firearms Training Section or Assistant Officer Safety Coordinator, Officer Safety Section.

B. Storage

- 1) Ensure Tasers and cartridges are stored in a locked cabinet/area.

C. Records

- 1) When signing Tasers and/or cartridges in and out, complete a Taser Log Sheet (P-665).
- 2) Forward completed P-665 forms to their Commander.

4. Commander shall:

A. Records [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

- 1) Retain Taser Log Sheet (P-665) for a minimum of two years.

B. Supplies

- 1) Assign a police member to ensure enough cartridges are available.

C. Non Use of Force Discharge

- 1) Upon receipt of a Taser-Non Use of Force Discharge (P-663) form, review and forward a copy of the P-663 to the Officer Safety Section.
 - a) Retain the original P-663 in the division files.
- 2) When applicable, implement Early Intervention by following procedures in the [Member Assistance Program](#) topic.

COMMUNICATION CENTRE UNIT

1. Dispatcher shall:

A. 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

- 1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
- 2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

EVIDENCE CONTROL UNIT

1. Property and Evidence Technician shall:

J. Non Use of Force Discharge

- 1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

FIREARMS TRAINING SECTION

1. Service Armourer shall:

A. Training and Maintenance [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

- 1) Maintain a supply of cartridges, and provided replacements as needed.
- 2) Replace damaged and non-functioning Tasers and cartridges.
- 3) Semi-annually and when requested by the Professional Standards Unit, download Taser information.

FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION SECTION

1. Identification Specialist shall:

A. Drive Stun Mode

- 1) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)
- 2) 25(1)(a), 25(1)(c)

OFFICER SAFETY SECTION

1. Assistant Officer Safety Coordinator shall:

A. Training and Maintenance [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

- 1) Organize the training and maintenance of Tasers.
- 2) Replace damaged and non-functioning Tasers and cartridges.

- 3) When requested by the Professional Standards Unit, download Taser information.

B. Non Use of Force Discharge

- 1) Upon receipt of a Taser-Non Use of Force Discharge (P-663) form, review and retain on file.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS UNIT

1. Commander:

A. Investigations [CALEA 1.3.9 & 1.3.10]

- 1) May request the Service Armourer, Firearms Training Section or Assistant Officer Safety Coordinator, Officer Safety Section to download a Taser.
- 2) If required, shall obtain records from the applicable Commander regarding the Taser's issuance and history.