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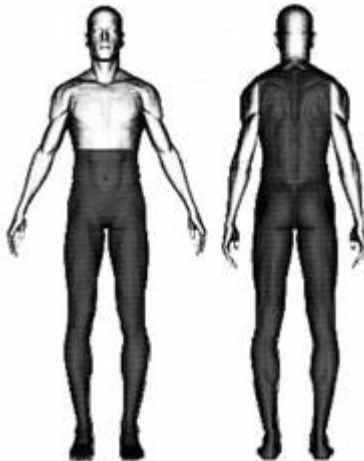
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#### **RE: ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE (TASERS) DEPLOYMENT**

On 09 09 30 TASER International published a training bulletin on its website. This bulletin speaks to the risk of adverse cardiac events related to an Electronic Control Device (ECD) discharge. The bulletin referenced medical research which concluded that the close distance between the Electronic Control Device dart and the heart is a primary factor in determining whether an ECD will affect the heart. This risk is judged to be extremely low in field use.

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

TASER International has lowered the recommended point of aim from center of mass to lower-center of mass for front shots. This does not affect the target area for the back. The below diagram illustrates the new targeting guide recommended by TASER International.



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Members are encouraged to [review the ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE topic in the Procedure Manual, with special attention being given to the “Preparation for Deployment” section](#) to ensure a full understanding of the target areas.

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

Further information may be obtained by reviewing the document at:

[http://www.taser.com/training/Documents/TASER%20Training%20Bulletin%202015\\_0%20Medical%20Research%20with%20New%20Warnings.pdf](http://www.taser.com/training/Documents/TASER%20Training%20Bulletin%202015_0%20Medical%20Research%20with%20New%20Warnings.pdf)

Questions or concerns may be directed to the Officer Safety Section.

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