

1.3.12.7 Conducted Energy Weapons

The division's approved Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) is the Taser M26. The Taser M26 will be carried in a division approved conveyance system.

All uniform personnel may carry the CEW's upon successful completion of a training program. Sworn non-uniform personnel will have access to the CEW's system.

CEWs may be used when physical force is necessary and justified to prevent the possibility of injury to the officer or another person. A display of the CEWs "test arc" or "painting" the subject with the laser is permitted to gain compliance in an arrest situation where resistance is anticipated.

CEWs will not be use in the following situations:

Near flammable gases or liquids

Drug houses wher ether use is suspected

In cases of passive resistance unless a lesser means of force;

Has been attempted and failed

Is not an option due to the circumstances

If attempted, will result in a possible injury to the suspect or officer

Threaten use to gain information from a suspect

Against a subject already in custody unless physical resistance has to be overcome

To awaken an intoxicated individual

No officer shall playfully, maliciously, or intentionally misuse the unit in a display of power or against an individual except to gain control of a situation. VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

The deployment and use of the CEWs will require the following reports:

Offense

Custody

Use of Force

The documentation will include :

What precipitated the use of the unit?

To what extent CEWs was utilized.

ngWhat were the results of the CEWs utilization?

A copy of the CEWs firing record will be attached to the use of force report.