

**303.05 Tasertron**

- A. Consistent with the Department's philosophy of using the least amount of force necessary to subdue and/or arrest any person, the Tasertron may be used to control/restrain violent or potentially violent suspects when an officer reasonably believes that:
  - 1. Attempts to subdue the suspect by conventional tactics have been or will likely be ineffective, futile or pose a risk to the officers or others;
  - 2. There is reasonable expectation that it will be unsafe for officers to approach to within contact range of the suspect;
  - 3. And, the use of force would be justified under Chapter 9 of the Penal Code.
- B. The Tasertron will be used only by supervisory personnel who have completed the department's training program. Operation of a Tasertron will not be delegated to an officer not trained in its use.
- C. Once every twelve months each Tasertron operator must demonstrate proficiency with the Tasertron.
- D. A person that has been restrained by use of the Tasertron will be examined by Paramedics at the scene to determine if the suspect should be transported to PMH.
- E. Tasertron Barbs that become imbedded in the skin of the suspect will be removed by IFD Paramedics at their discretion or the suspect may be transported to PMH.
- F. Use of the Tasertron device will require that a memorandum be addressed to the Chief of Police by the user of the Tasertron. Additionally a non-lethal control device critique will be completed and forwarded through the officer's chain of command to Internal Affairs Division.