

# M26 Full Deployment



Policy, Training, and Logistical  
Challenges

# Policy

- Perceptions will affect policy
- Full deployment requires detailed guidelines
- Where to start:
  - Your Use of Force Policy
  - Contact other agencies

# Policy: Deployment

- When to Carry
  - At all times
  - On certain calls
- How to Carry
  - Holster type
  - Holster location
  - Extra cartridges
    - How many?

# Policy: Batteries

- Type Authorized
  - Alkaline
  - NiMH
- Testing
  - Battery Indicator
  - Spark test

# Policy: Batteries

- Replacement
- Charging
  - Responsibility
  - Frequency

# Policy: Tactics

- Restrictions

- Probes
- Touch Stun
- Handcuffed subjects/Subjects in Squad Car
- Pregnant/Elderly/Juveniles/Passive Resisters
- Heights
- Flammable environment

# Policy: Tactics

- Assembling Officers
  - Cover
  - Custody
  - Secondary Taser

# Policy: Tactics

- Announcements:
  - To other officers on scene
  - Over the radio



# Policy: Post-Use

- Supervisor Notification
- Probe Removal
- Medical Follow-up
  - Probe/flesh penetration
  - Non-penetration exposure
  - Touch-stun exposure

# Policy: Post Use

- Evidence
  - Cartridges/wires/probes
  - AFIDS
  - Photos
- Reporting
  - Officer
  - Supervisor

# Policy: Reporting

- Discharges
  - Intentional
  - Accidental
  - On-duty
  - Off-duty

# Training

- Policy
- Technical
- Tactics

# Training: Policy

Officers must be thoroughly trained on department Taser policy, particularly:

- When and how to carry and deploy
- Restrictions
- Tactics
- Post-use responsibilities

# Training: Technical

- 4-hour basic user course
  - In compliance with Taser International recommendations
  - Given to Academy recruits
  - Periodically given as need arises
  - Taught by any certified Taser instructor
  - Prerequisite to Advanced Course

# Training

- The basic 4-hour technical course does not prepare officers to use the Taser in the field
- It must be followed up by tactics training which includes practical exercises

# Training: Tactics (SPD)

- 18-hour advanced Less-Lethal Use of Force course
  - Covers all available less-lethal force options
  - POST Certification
  - Taught by Sergeants
  - Covers Use of Force and Taser policies



# Training: Tactics (SPD)

- Typical Deployment Protocol
- 1, 2, 3, and 4 officer deployments
- Deorle v. Rutherford
- Countermeasures
- Touch stun
- Communication

# Training: Tactics (SPD)

- Drills

- Dynamic

- Drawing/Holstering
    - Transition

- Interactive

- Failure/Reload
      - Induce stress. Observe officers' reactions.

# Training: Tactics (SPD)

- Scenarios
  - Force Options
  - Simunitions

# Logistics

- Department Armorer
  - Download software
  - Receives, logs, maintains, serializes, and issues all Taser related equipment.

# Equipment (SPD)

- Tasers (yellow)
- Cartridges (3)
- Extra cartridge holder
- Holster (non-dominant, full flap)
- Batteries (8 NiMH)
- Battery charger (without data port cable)



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