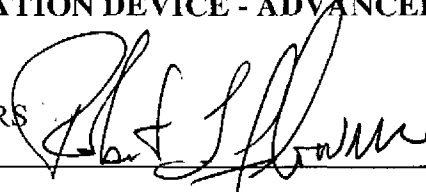


ST. GEORGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

3-05-05.00 ELECTRONIC INCAPACITATION DEVICE - ADVANCED TASER

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2000

DISTRIBUTION: ALL SWORN MEMBERS

AUTHORIZATION: Chief Robert L. Flowers: 

3-05-05.01 ELECTRONIC INCAPACITATION DEVICES:

The ADVANCED TASER is a Conducted Energy Weapon; an electronic incapacitation device. It is a defensive weapon which is listed in the force continuum at the same level as O.C. spray; after soft empty hands. The ADVANCED TASER functions in two ways:

- 1) It uses compressed nitrogen to project two probes a maximum of 21 feet. An electrical signal is then sent to the probes, via small wires, which disrupts the bodies ability to communicate messages from the brain to the muscles and causes motor skill dysfunction.
- 2) Acts as a touch stun system when brought into immediate contact with a person's body.

The decision to use the ADVANCED TASER is based on the same criteria an officer uses when selecting to deploy O.C. spray, or a baton. The decision must be made dependant on the actions of the subject(s) or threat facing the officer(s), and the totality of the circumstances surrounding the incident. In any event; the use of the ADVANCED TASER must be reasonable and necessary.

The ADVANCED TASER is not meant to be used in deadly force situations. The ADVANCED TASER should not be used without a firearm back up in those situations where there is a substantial threat towards the officer(s) or others present.

The ADVANCED TASER provides a force option in which the officer does not have to get dangerously close to a threat before deploying the tool. Using the ADVANCED TASER may greatly reduce the need for other types of physical force by the officer(s) resulting in serious or potential deadly injury to the offender, officer, or others present.

Any use of an electronic incapacitation device contrary to the direction of this policy can result in the revocation of the officer's right to use such product and may subject the officer to disciplinary action.

3-05-05.02 ISSUING OF THE ADVANCED TASER:

Department personnel shall only carry and use ADVANCED TASERS or electrical incapacitation devices approved by the Chief of Police. Members may only use Department issued ADVANCED TASER cartridges. A record of cartridge serial numbers provided with each weapon will be maintained in a log book which will be kept with that weapon at all times. The log books will be audited at least once a year by the Department ADVANCED TASER instructor.

Department issued ADVANCED TASERS may be assigned to patrol supervisor units and specialty units.

Other members of the Department may have an ADVANCED TASER assigned to them as deemed necessary by their supervisor, other administrators, or Chief of Police.

The shift supervisor should have an ADVANCED TASER in their assigned vehicles at all times.

3-05-05.03 TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

All members who carry and/or use an ADVANCED TASER must first successfully complete a 4 hour ADVANCED TASER familiarization program, to include written and practical tests. Re-familiarization programs will also be completed annually.

3-05-05.04 USE OF AN ADVANCED TASER:

The ADVANCED TASER is not a substitute for deadly force and should not be used in those situations. Deployment of the ADVANCED TASER should be backed up with the availability of lethal force. The ADVANCED TASER may be used in those situations where:

- A. A subject is threatening himself, an officer, or another person with physical force and other means of controlling the subject are unreasonable or could cause injury to the officer(s), the subject(s) or others
- B. In cases where Officer / Subject factors indicate the officer(s), offender(s) or others would be endangered by the use of physical force.
- C. Other means of lesser or equal force have been ineffective and the threat still exists to the officer(s), subject(s), and others.
- D. Center mass of the body should be the target area when firing an ADVANCED TASER, particularly the center mass of the back; as clothing tends to be tighter on this part of the body. The head and face should not be targeted unless the appropriate level of force can be justified.

The ADVANCED TASER will never be used punitively or for purposes of coercion. It is to be used as a way of averting a potentially injurious or dangerous situation. The ADVANCED TASER has an effective range of 3 to 13 feet, with a 15 foot cartridge; and 3 to 19 feet with a 21 foot cartridge . Ranges under 3 feet may not provide adequate distribution of the probes to allow the unit to function properly.

The ADVANCED TASER has the ability to ignite flammable liquids. It will not be deployed at subjects who have come in contact with flammables, or in environments where flammables are obviously present.

Proper consideration and care should be taken when deploying the ADVANCED TASER on subjects who are in an elevated position or in other circumstance where a fall may cause substantial injury or death. Officers must be prepared to justify such a deployment.

3-05-05.05 DUTIES AFTER DEPLOYMENT:

Immediate action should be taken to care for the injured, to apprehend any suspects, and to protect the scene.

Once the subject is restrained or has complied; the ADVANCED TASER should be turned off.

An ADVANCED TASER will not be left unattended except in exigent circumstances as when an officer is forced to act alone in taking custody of an immediate threat.

Medical personnel will be summoned to the scene to assess the subject. If the exam or other circumstances dictate the subject needs further medical treatment; the subject will be transported to the nearest medical facility. Medical treatment will not be refused for anyone who requests it.

Probes located in sensitive areas such as the face, neck, groin or breast will be removed by medical personnel.

Removal of probes in other areas may be done by officers; at the discretion of the on scene supervisor. Officers will provide first aid following removal of the probes by applying iodine or alcohol wipes, and band-aids to the probe sites as needed.

Photographs will be taken of probe impact sites and any other related injuries.

Probes that have been removed from skin will be treated as **bio-hazard** "sharps". They should be placed point down into the expended cartridge bores and secured with tape.

Officers will attempt to locate the yellow, pink and clear colored "micro-dots" dispersed at the time of the cartridge firing. These will be collected and placed into evidence with any expended cartridges.

Involved personnel will attempt to locate and identify any witnesses to the incident.

Officers shall refrain from discussing the incident until the arrival of an on scene shift supervisor or other administrator. The involved personnel will brief them of the circumstances surrounding the incident and what action has taken place.

The deploying officer(s) will complete an **ADVANCED TASER Use Report**.

Book the offender into jail or take other appropriate action. Jail personnel shall be informed the subject was controlled by use of an ADVANCED TASER.

Subjects controlled by the use of an ADVANCED TASER will not be transported face down.

3-05-05.06 SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

The first supervisor on scene should ensure that proper care is given to injured officers and/or citizens.

He/She should ensure all responsibilities of the officer have been carried out regarding care for the injured, apprehension of the suspects and protection of the scene.

The supervisor shall ensure the proper notifications of Department staff are made, as soon as possible. The shift or on scene supervisor shall notify the Patrol Lieutenant if any traumatic injury has occurred due to the use of force involving the ADVANCED TASER. The Patrol Lieutenant will then notify the Captain(s) and Chief of Police.

The Patrol Lieutenant shall determine if detectives are to be called to investigate the incident.

A **Supervisory ADVANCED TASER Use Report** shall be completed and forwarded to the Patrol Lieutenant, Captain(s), Chief of Police, and ADVANCED TASER instructor.

All other written reports associated with the incident shall also be completed before the end of the shift and forwarded in the same manner.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND FULLY UNDERSTAND.

Signature of Employee

Date

List personnel who removed dart(s): _____

Approximate distance of dart launch: _____

Did the application cause an injury to the subject or others? Yes / No

If yes, explain: _____

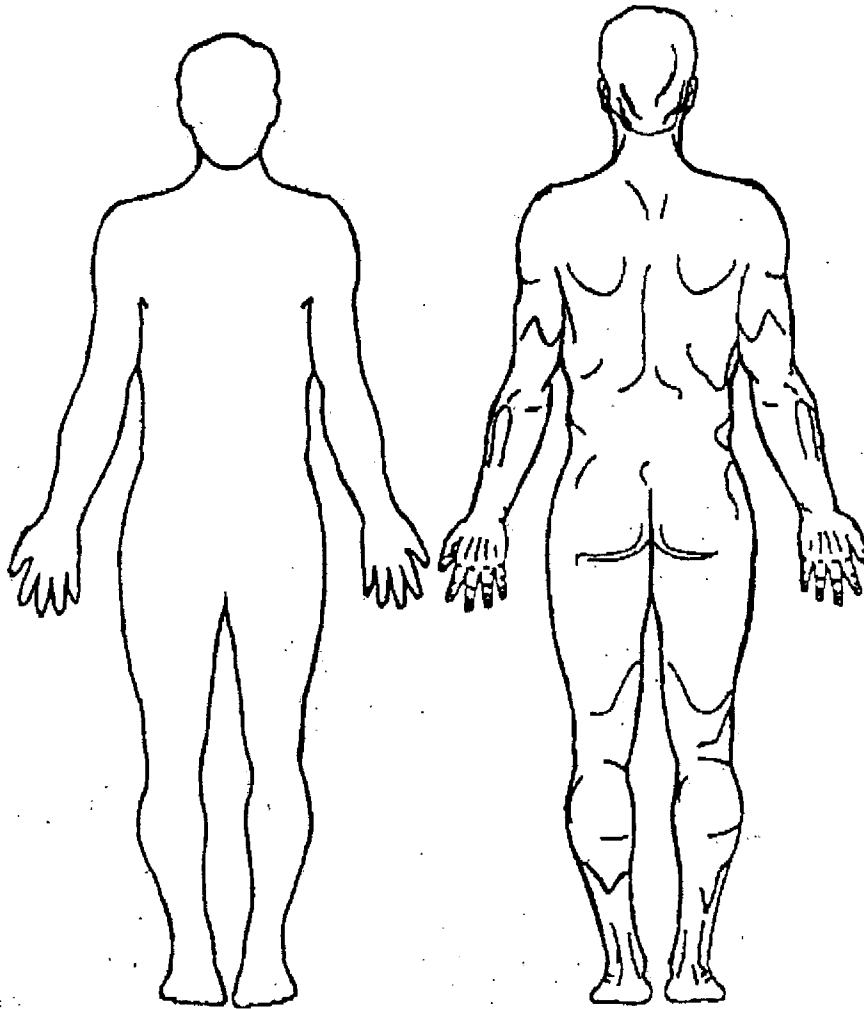
Did the ADVANCED TASER application gain compliance from the subject(s)?

Yes / No

Subject's demeanor after the ADVANCED TASER was displayed or deployed: _____

Additional Information

Application areas - Points of contact



Synopsis: _____

Report completed by: _____

P.O.# _____

St. George Police Department

Supervisory ADVANCED TASER Deployment Report

Date / Time: _____ Date / Time of the Incident: _____

Subject's Name: _____

Was subject booked into jail? Yes / No

Charges: _____

Location of the Incident: _____

Nature of the Call or Incident: _____

Officer(s) involved: _____

Supervisor(s) notified of Incident: _____ On Scene: Yes / No

Administrator Notified: _____ On Scene: Yes / No

ADVANCED TASER serial #: _____

Cartridge serial #(s): _____

Type of Force used or Displayed by Subject (Check all that apply) ☐ Physical

☐ Impact ☐ Cutting instrument ☐ Firearm ☐ Other Explain: _____

List weapons recovered: _____

Type of other Force used by Officer(s) (Check all that apply): ☐ Physical

☐ O.C. Spray ☐ Baton ☐ Less Lethal ☐ Firearm ☐ Other

Explain: _____

Nature of Subject(s) Injuries (if any): _____

Cause of Injury (if known): _____

Medical exam: Yes / No

Medical Treatment required: Yes / No

Performed by:_____Medical Facility:_____

Admitted to Hospital for injuries: Yes / No

Admitted for Other (list):_____

Suspect under the influence of: Drugs / Alcohol / Other

List substance(s) if known:_____

Confirmed by:_____

Summary of the actions of the officer(s) involved:_____

List any Officer, Police employee, volunteer or citizen injured:_____

Nature of injuries:_____

Suspect Data

Age:_____ Sex:_____ Height:_____ Weight:_____ Race:_____

Clothing description:_____

Application Data

(List number of each)

Warnings: Verbal: Yes / No Laser on target:_____ Arc display:_____

Number of cartridges fired:_____ Number of dart contacts:_____

Number of stun contacts:_____ Number of darts penetrating skin:_____