

Voluntary Exposure Guidelines

WARNING: Strict adherence to all safety guidelines contained in the syllabus is mandatory. Probe deployments must be to the back of the torso or back of the legs only. Probe deployments to the front of the torso are prohibited to prevent accidental hits to the face, throat, eyes, or other sensitive parts of the body. Use proper bio hazard procedures when removing probes that have penetrated the skin.

Remember, volunteer exposure is not mandatory. Every student volunteering for a TASER device exposure **MUST first read and sign the Instructor or User Warnings, Risks, Liability Release and Covenant Not to Sue.** The instructor must read the form for any physical or mental conditions that could be aggravated by the exposure and either work around the condition or waive the exposure.

Before starting the demos, it is recommended that you provide the class a chance to take a break and use the restroom facilities. This can help prevent an unnecessary embarrassment to a volunteer who becomes overly nervous during the demo.

When conducting the volunteer demonstrations, Master Instructors should expose the students to a variety of possible probe placements. This will reinforce the remainder of the syllabus when discussing probe placement, missed probes, drive stun backup, etc. Once a reasonable number of different probe placements have been demonstrated, the remainder of the exposures should be done with the student face down on the mat and probes or clips deployed to the legs only. This is done to further minimize any risk of injury due to muscle contractions or falling. Students may elect to have a full 5-second deployment or a shorter exposure.

Exposures should always be done on proper matting in an area that is clear of any hazards that a volunteer or spotter might trip on or hit while falling.

All volunteers should stretch thoroughly before taking their exposure. This includes the back, torso, legs, and shoulders

Procedures for Spotters

- Always use two spotters when volunteers are standing
- Spotters must hold the volunteer under the armpit to avoid twisting the shoulder.
- The volunteer should be carefully lowered to the ground

Procedures for Using Live Cartridges with Probes

- Ensure that volunteer and holders are wearing eye protection and looking away from the weapon
- Always deploy probes to the back (back or legs) of volunteer

- Aim weapon slightly to one side or the other of the torso to prevent lower probe from passing between legs if slightly low.
- Be sure the area beyond the volunteer is clear of any bystanders or equipment that could be damaged by a probe strike.
- Probe placement should simulate realistic deployments

Wire/Clip attachment

- If using cartridge wires (no clips available), remove probe and tape or secure wires to the volunteer. If using clips, secure firmly.
- Attach wires/clips to various areas of the volunteers (leg, back, chest, arm)
- Demo low muscle mass (oblique) hit and show that volunteer may fight through it. Then move one probe farther away or drive stun to provide a better spread and greater effectiveness.
- Demo multiple subjects by connecting clips to one subject and using drive stun simultaneously on a second subject.
- Ensure holders use proper procedures to prevent injury

Drive Stun

- Attempt to have as many volunteers for this as possible
- Volunteer should either be standing w/holders or laying down on matting
- Drive the weapon into volunteer in instructed areas (pressure points) to gain compliance. Do not use the carotid or groin pressure points for demonstration purposes as they could result in injury
- Apply only one wire/clip to subject and follow up with drive stun