

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
 - Simulations

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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