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1. Originator

1. Contract Policing Branch, Community, Contract and Aboriginal Policing Services Directorate.
2. Conducted Energy Weapon Evaluation Project Coordinator

2. References

1. Course Training Standard - Taser International M26 Advanced Taser
2. Incident Management Intervention Model
3. Operational Manual, I.2.

3. Policy

1. The Conducted Energy Weapon Evaluation Project (CEWEP) will assess the effectiveness and suitability of the M26 Advanced Taser for use by RCMP Members.

4. General

1. Definitions

- a. For the purposes of this policy and the CEWEP;

1. The word Taser will refer exclusively to the M26 Advanced Taser manufactured by Taser International.
2. The term “probe” will refer to the process of launching the Taser projectiles at a subject and introducing conducted energy current.
3. The term “touch stun” will refer to the process of contacting a subject with the Taser and introducing conducted energy current without the launching of the Taser probes.

2. Project Scope

- a. The field assessment component of the CEWEP will:

1. Operationally deploy the Taser at six designated general duty detachments and on two designated Emergency Response Teams.

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2. Will be concluded on 2001 -01 -31.

3. Usage

- a. Members shall not increase the risk to themselves or the public by utilizing the Taser in place of potentially lethal intervention options when these options are legally justifiable.
- b. Only RCMP members who have successfully completed the Taser Operator's Training course as part of the CEWEP or who have been certified as Taser Instructors by Taser International and who have participated in a CEWEP Taser Operator's training course will be authorized to operationally deploy the Taser.
- c. Members of the designated ERT's who have been trained as Taser Operators can also operationally deploy the Taser while performing non-ERT duties (ie: General duty patrol) with the authorization of the Unit Commander where the deployment will occur.
- d. In accordance with the Incident Management Intervention (IMIM):
 1. A subject may be "Probed" when he/she displays or threatens a behavior in the following two categories:
 - a. Combative
 - b. Grievous Bodily Harm or Death
 2. The Taser may be activated in the "Touch Stun" mode on individuals demonstrating or indicating highly Resistant behavior.
- e. Before you activate a Taser at or on a person make a reasonable effort, where practical to:
 1. Identify yourself as a peace officer;
 2. Give the subject the Taser Challenge: "**Stand still or you will be hit with 50,000 volts of electricity.**";
 3. Consider other intervention options;
 4. Consider the likelihood of injury to any other person.

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- f. The Taser is a prohibited weapon and must be secured in accordance with provisions of the Criminal Code when not in the direct control of a Taser Operator.

4. Medical

- a. During the course of the CEWEP, all subjects who are exposed to the probes and current of the Taser, regardless of whether or not the probes remain embedded in the subject, will be transported to an accredited medical facility for examination.
- b. The member accompanying the Tasered subject to the medical facility shall inform the attending physician the subject has been exposed to electrical current from a Taser and provide relevant details with regard to potential primary and secondary injuries, possible substances influencing the subject, and any suspected or confirmed mental health considerations.
 1. A CEWEP's Physician's report shall be completed for all subjects who are transported to a medical facility. This report will be forwarded to the CEWEP Project coordinator by Fax: (780) 926-3444.
- d. Whenever possible and with "informed consent", the subject of the Taser Deployment should be interviewed and any injuries photographed.

4. Administration

- 1. Each unit participating in the CEWEP will maintain a control log indicating which member was carrying which Taser for each and every period the Taser is operationally carried.
- 2. Each unit participating in the CEWEP will designate a Taser Coordinator responsible for maintaining an adequate supply of proper replacement batteries and operational cartridges.
- c. If you activate the Taser at or on a person:
 1. A CEWEP Taser Usage Report (Form Flow K1585) shall be

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completed for every incident where the Taser is operationally deployed, regardless of whether the probes were actually fired or not, if a “touch stun” was utilized, or if the subject became cooperative after being given the Taser Challenge

2. This report will be forwarded within 24 hours via ROSS to:
 - a. The Detachment Commander responsible for the physical area in which the Taser was deployed.
 - b. The Divisional CEWEP Coordinator

K Division - Cst. Anne McDONALD
E Division - Cp. Tim ANCTIL
T Division - Ins. Darrell MADILL

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- c. The CEWEP Project Coordinator - S/Sgt. SHERSTAN

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