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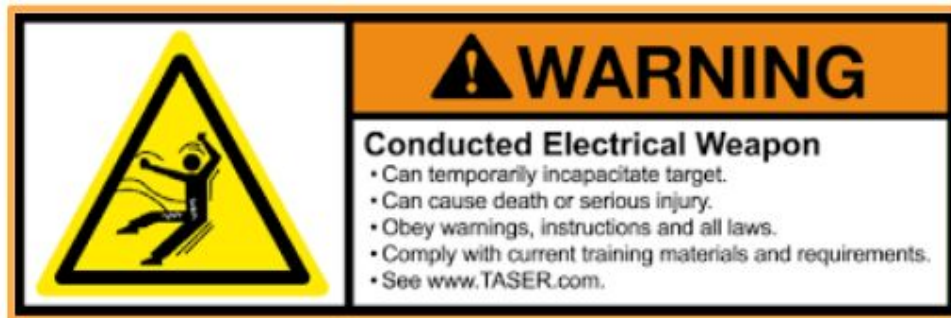
Introduction

The Taser

Introduction to the taser

During your training as a taser officer, you will be educated on the concept of how to use the X2 Taser and how to utilise the NDM (National Decision Module) whilst doing so.

You will be trained by this guide, which will allow you to carry the X2 Taser on patrol, to prevent crime and protect the public.





Legislation To Consider

As a taser trained officer, you are trusted with a firearm which is able to deliver 50,000 Volts. This causes muscle spasms and incapacity to suspects. It is with true importance that you understand your powers and responsibilities to carry such a firearm.

The main legislation to consider, when deploying your taser is:

- Section 3 Criminal Law Act, 1967.
- Section 117 Police and Criminal Evidence Act, 1984.

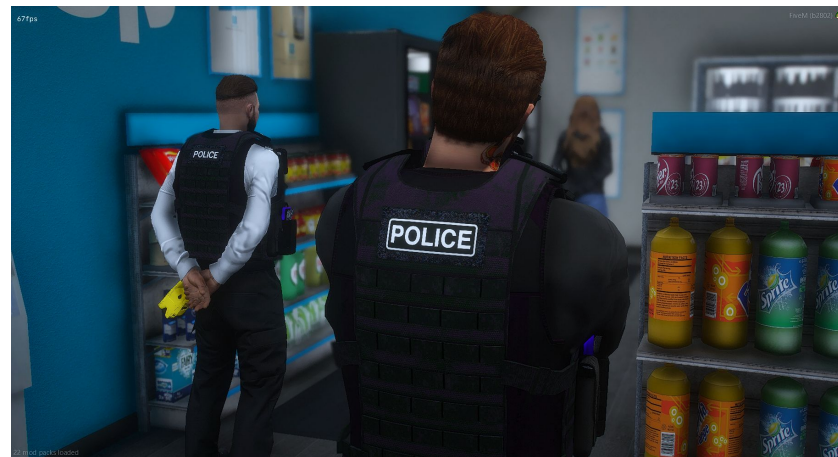




Use Of Force

When dealing with an incident, you must consider your basic policing skills to stand down a threat, and calmly apprehend any suspect. Your first option should be your communication, with a stern voice. Secondly, you should consider more “hands on” options such as PAVA Spray, ASP Batons, and your physical strength.

Your taser should be an option used as a final resort.





Features Of The X2 Taser

The X2 Taser is equipped with a “backup shot”, which removes the need to manually reload it, improving officer and public safety in the case of a missed shot or clothing disconnect.

This taser is also equipped with a red-dot laser which improves and enhances accuracy, by allowing the officer to see exactly where the prong[s] will enter.

The X2 Taser also has the capability to arc. The arc is used to issue an audible warning directly over the live cartridges which the taser stores.



Taser Usage



Deployment

When deploying your taser, it is crucial that you explain to a suspect that you are in possession of a taser and capable of using it.

If the suspect fails to understand you, you must explain that the taser has the capability to deliver 50,000 Volts if they do not stop their aggressive actions.

You must always consider your other options before deploying your taser.

Example - "Police officer with a taser! Stand still or you will be tased!"

Example - "This taser is capable of delivering 50,000 Volts! Do not move or I will deploy my taser!"

Example - "Police officer with a taser! You are being red-dotted, stand still!"

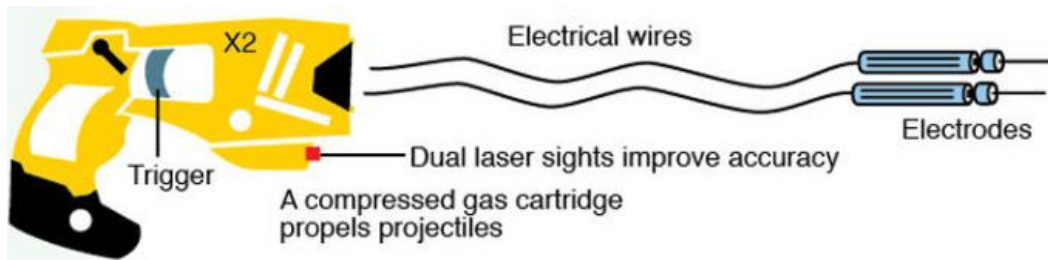


Deployment

When deploying a taser, all officers must use oral and visual warnings before and during any discharge. Before use, sufficient time should be given between warning and discharge so other officers are aware.

"In certain circumstances, it may be appropriate to provide a visual display of the sparking effect of the unloaded taser - while this may have a deterrent effect, it removes the the capability of using the taser with a cartridge readily available. The visual effect of the laser sight being directed at an individual may also have a deterrent effect. Officers should be aware that pointing a Taser at an individual represents the use of force." - College of Policing

Officers are required to give a clear verbal warning, **"Taser, Taser, Taser"**, indicating to all persons in the vicinity that a taser is being discharged, this must be done prior to actually firing the taser in all cases.





Use Of Force

As a taser trained officer, you must always be aware of your Use Of Force Scale. The scale consists of the following:

Voice Communication -

Talking and making demands to the suspect.

Hands On Action -

Using your physical strength and other options such as ASP and PAVA.

Taser Usage -

Deploying, arcing and firing your X2 Taser.





Use Of Force

When deploying a taser, all officers must be aware of specific risks involved with a discharge. There are a number of factors that may influence the operational use of taser. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- Head injuries from unsupported falls.
- Pre-existing medical conditions.
- Subjects already restrained.
- Behavioural disturbance.
- Vulnerable or disabled people.
- Children and people of small nature.
- Flammable material.
- Explosive environments.

If a command member deems your discharge to be unjust, they have all right to challenge you on it. If your usage is shown to be excessive, command members carry the authority to remove your CED ticket.



Justification Of The Taser

After any taser deployment, a member of command will question you. This is to uphold taser standards in any situation. Some questions you may expect are the following:

“What information did you have prior to deploying your taser?”

“What was the risk assessment for the incident?”

“Which powers did you consider when deploying your taser?”

“What was the action taken during the incident?”

“Did you try to use any other steps from your Use Of Force Scale?”

It is crucial that command members are aware of all taser deployments, for the interest of public safety.



Taser Tactics

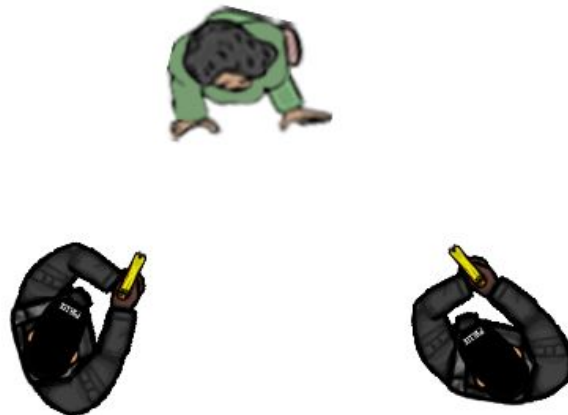
Common Tactics

In a situation, ideally, only one or two officers should have their tasers deployed. The two common movements to prevent your taser barbs hitting other officers, are the L-Shape and V-Shape deployment tactics.

L-Shape



V-Shape





Finalisation



Useful Articles

Congratulations, you have completed your taser training theory. We appreciate your time and dedication whilst looking through this document. Linked below are some other useful videos to assist in gaining more knowledge on the taser. Give them a watch!

[Click here to view the West Midlands Police demonstrating a taser.](#)

[Click here to view Northants Police taser training.](#)

[Click here to view a Metropolitan Police officer, armed with a taser, struggle to restrain a male.](#)

[Click here to view the V-Shape tactic in action.](#)



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