

208 TASER Device Guidelines

208.3 VERBAL WARNINGS

A verbal announcement of the intended use of the TASER Device ~~should~~shall precede its application unless it would otherwise endanger the safety of officers or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances.

- (a) The purpose of the warning is for the following:
 - 1. Provide the individual with a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply.
 - 2. Provide other officers and individuals with warning that a TASER Device may be deployed.
- (b) The aiming laser should never be intentionally directed into the eyes of another.
- (c) The fact that a verbal and/or other warning was given, or the reasons it was not given, shall be documented in any related reports, as well as any responses by the subject.
- (d) When given, the verbal warning should be "TASER, TASER, TASER" to prevent any confusion as to which weapon system is being deployed.