



# Policy Revision Request

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This revision applies to Existing Policy 06-04-24

If new, recommended section \_\_\_\_\_

This revision is necessary to comply with Best Practices

Whom does this revision affect? Department

This revision has an unbudgeted financial impact of \$ 0

### Brief reason for the revision:

OPO recommendations:

#### Recommendation #1:

OPO recommends that APD remove any reference to TASER X26 from the General Orders. The department no longer uses the TASER X26; therefore, it should be removed from the General Orders.

#### Recommendation #2:

OPO recommends that APD specify that additional training is required anytime an officer upgrades from a TASER 7 to a TASER 10. Due to differences in device functionality from previous models, officers require additional training on the TASER 10 before it can be issued.

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## 208 TASER Device Guidelines

### 208.2 POLICY

Personnel who have completed department approved training may be issued a TASER Device for use during their current assignment. Personnel leaving a particular assignment may be required to return their issued device to the Department's inventory.

Officers shall only use the TASER Device and cartridges that have been issued by the Department. Officers approved to carry the TASER 7 CEW shall be issued two cartridges, one close quarter (CQ) cartridge and one standoff (SO) cartridge. The TASER 7 CEW shall be preloaded with a CQ cartridge in cartridge bay 1 and a SO cartridge in cartridge bay 2. All cartridges shall be replaced consistent with the manufacturer's expiration requirements.

(a) *Unchanged from the current version*

(b) *Unchanged from the current version*

~~(c) Whenever practicable, officers carrying a TASER X26 should carry a total of two TASER Device cartridges on their person while carrying a TASER Device.~~

#### 208.4.6 REPORT OF USE

The officer shall document all TASER Device discharges in the related incident report/supplements and shall notify a supervisor in compliance with GO 211 Response to Resistance Inquiry, Reporting, and Review.

(a) *Unchanged from the current version*

(b) TASER Device memory:

- ~~1. For the TASER X26, the on-board TASER Device memory will be downloaded through the data port by a supervisor and saved with the related incident reports.~~
2. For the TASER 7 and TASER 10, once the TASER battery is docked into the docking station it will automatically upload the memory into Axon Evidence™.

#### 208.6 TRAINING

In addition to the initial department-approved training required to carry and use a TASER Device, any employee carrying a TASER Device shall complete all recertification requirements annually, including TASER Energy Weapon Operator Update PowerPoint presentation, functional tests, and successful live cartridge deployments.

(a) Employees who have not carried a TASER Device as a part of their assignment for six months or more shall be recertified by a department approved TASER Device instructor prior to again carrying or using the device.

(b) Anytime an officer is issued a different model TASER Device, they shall receive training that explains the differences in device functionality.

~~(b)~~(c) A reassessment of an officer's knowledge or practical skill may be required at any time if deemed appropriate by the Training commander.