



Hastings, Nebraska Police Department

General Order P5003
Topic: Advanced Taser Deployment
Issued by: Chief
Effective Date: May 15, 2003

I. Purpose:

The purpose of this order is establish and maintain uniform guidelines for the Hastings Police Department police department personnel for the deployment of the M26 Advanced Taser.

II. Policy:

It is the policy of the Hastings Police Department to utilize the M26 Advanced Taser as a less-than-lethal use of force in order to minimize the risk of injury to officers and the public.

III. Procedure:

A. The M26 Advanced Taser is authorized for carry and use by personnel who have been properly trained and certified in its use.

B. Carry

1. Only a properly functioning M26 Advanced Taser shall be carried
2. The Taser will be kept in the police vehicle, or closed container until its use is anticipated
3. Officers will not carry the Taser as a part of their duty gear
4. Expired cartridges shall be sent to Property/Evidence Officer

C. Request for Taser assistance

1. If an officer not in possession or authorized to carry a Taser request a Taser
 - a. The officer will radio **CODE 89** to make such request
 - b. An officer carrying a Taser will respond to the request

2. The shift commander shall also respond the scene

D. Deployment

1. When feasible and/or appropriate the individual shall be warned that they will receive a Taser deployment
2. The Taser may be deployed on individuals who are resisting arrest
3. The Taser may be deployed on individuals who are unruly and appear to be an immediate danger to themselves or others.
4. Just prior to discharge, the officer shall state "TASER!" to alert other officers
5. Each discharge, including accidental discharges, shall be documented in a police report and the appropriate use of force form. (This does not apply to training and testing of the Taser)
6. The Taser shall not be aimed at the eyes or face of an individual
7. The Taser should be deployed with a full 5-second cycle to gain maximum effectiveness and compliance of the individual
8. The Taser should not be deployed on subjects who could fall from an elevated position and be injured
9. DO NOT fire the Taser near flammable liquids or fumes

E. Post-Deployment

1. The shift commander shall respond to the scene of the deployment
2. The officer shall examine the subject to determine if medical assistance is needed
3. Any person subjected to the Taser which involved a dart piercing the skin shall, as soon as practical be examined by medical personnel.
4. Photograph any visible injuries caused by Taser or sustained while under the influence of the Taser.
5. The air cartridge, AFID tags and probes shall be collected, retained and submitted as evidence

F. The deployment of the M26 Advance Taser is considered a use of force and may be applied at the same level as OC spray.

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