



<b>New Berlin Police Department Procedures Manual</b>		<b>Procedure Title: Electronic Control Devices (ECD)</b>			
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1. The New Berlin Police Department recognizes that less lethal force options will allow officers to control volatile situations with less potential for injury to civilians, suspect and officers. The TASER, manufactured by Axon Enterprise, Inc., is a less lethal electronic control device that fires two probes delivering up to 50,000 volts of energy. This may cause temporary incapacitation, allowing officers to take a person into custody.
2. All newly hired employees will be trained in the TASER, by a certified TASER instructor.
3. Only officers who have been trained in the use of the TASER will be allowed to carry it.
4. Officers may deploy and use a TASER whenever they are faced with active resistance or the threat of active resistance. Active resistance is defined as behavior which physically counteracts an officer's control efforts and which creates a risk of bodily harm to the officer, subject, and/or other persons.
5. Officers authorized to carry a TASER will carry it on their duty belt or outer ballistic vest carrier in an approved holster. The TASER will be worn on the officer's reaction side.
6. Officers will deploy the TASER in accordance with their training.
7. When an officer has deployed the TASER, and the suspect has been taken into custody and safely handcuffed, officers may remove the probes. Officers will remove the probes in accordance with their training.
  - A. After application of the Taser, applicable follow-through procedures shall be utilized when safe to do so. The below procedures should be followed:
    1. Have EMS to respond to the scene.
    2. If a person has an adverse reaction to a Taser application, or if requested by the subject, transport to a medical facility.
    3. If the probes are embedded in sensitive tissue areas, i.e. neck, face, groin, or the breast of a female, an officer shall arrange transport to a medical facility for removal. If the probes are embedded in other non-sensitive tissue areas, a trained officer may remove them per the trained procedures.
    4. Probe Removal from non-sensitive areas:
      - a. Stabilize area approximately six inches from probe site.
      - b. Pinch the probe between your forefingers and thumb. Squeeze tightly.
      - c. Pull the probe straight out, ensure you do not twist the probe.
      - d. Inspect the probe to ensure it is intact.
      - e. Gather the wires (do not bend or break), probes, and cartridge.
      - f. Drop probes, wires, and cartridge in a bag.
      - g. Seal the bag and inventory as evidence.
8. Photographs will be taken of any injury(s) sustained by the suspect as a result of the TASER deployment.

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9. The fired cartridge will be collected and inventoried as evidence. Officers will collect and package the cartridge and its expelled components in accordance with their training. Training will reflect safe handling to protect against sharps and bio-hazards. All items should be collected and placed in a box located in evidence. (Scoop and drop). The box shall be sealed and marked accordingly as "Biohazard," due to blood.
  
10. When a TASER has been fired, the officer who fired the TASER or a designee will return the TASER to the department as soon as practical. The officer will remove the battery pack from the TASER and place it in the docking station, located in the report writing area of the department. The officer will place a new battery pack into the TASER and perform a spark/function test. The officer will notify the Training Section of the deployment via email, to include the date and incident report number. The Training Section officer will provide the deployment report to the officer who deployed the TASER.
  
11. If the TASER is deployed in an officer involved death (OID) incident, the officer will defer to the investigating authority regarding the TASER download procedure.
  
12. The battery packs are rechargeable and will be monitored by the Training Section officer.
  
13. At the start of each shift, officers should spark/function test their TASER. The Function Test will reflect the Axon TASER recommendation. During this test, the operator should at no time press the trigger.
  - A. Point the TASER in a safe direction.
  - B. Simultaneously depress both Arc Switches. (Firmware and Battery percentage will show on CID)
  - C. Manipulate the Safety Switch to the "armed" position.
  - D. The CID will show an inverse color pattern. This reflects the TASER is in Function Mode.
  - E. Depress the Arc Switch and allow for a five second cycle to be completed.
  - F. Manipulate the Safety Switch to the "safe" position.
  - G. Manipulate the safety switch to the "armed" position and verify the cartridge bays are reading properly on the CID.
  - H. Return the safety switch to the "safe" position and re-holster.