

ELECTRONIC WEAPONS UPDATE COURSE
Folsom Police Department (5990)
CCN:23093| POST Certification II | Reimbursement Plan IV | 2 hours
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to provide trainees with perishable skills training related to the use and deployment of conductive energy weapons, including the TASER 7. The trainee will obtain current case law and department policy relating to conductive energy devices, and also review the TASER weapon system, deployment, safety guidelines, and equipment needs.

The course consists of hands-on/practical skills training for in-service officers who were previously certified to deploy conductive energy weapons.

This course will address changes in use of force as it pertains to Penal Code Section 835a.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This is an update course in the use of conductive energy weapons, including the TASER 7. The trainee will obtain recertification to deploy the TASER weapon system.

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Folsom Police Department Use of Force and Conducted Energy Device Policy.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in the function and use of the TASER weapon system with every technique, and exercise, to include:
 - a. Electrical and medical background
 - b. Specifications of the TASER 7
 - c. Practical hands-on training of the TASER 7
 - d. Drive stun
 - e. Tactical Considerations
 - f. Probe removal considerations
 - g. Field application
 - h. Safety considerations and associated risks
 - i. Practical exercise

Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the trainee during their performance of each technique and exercise. If the trainee does not meet minimum standards, remediation will be provided until the standard is met.

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EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE
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I. INTRODUCTION/ORIENTATION

- A. Introduction, Registration and Orientation
 - 1. Instructor/Student Introductions
 - 2. Registration/Rosters
- B. Course Objectives/Overview, Exercises, Evaluation/Testing
 - 1. Overview of course objectives
 - a. Electrical and medical background
 - b. Specifications of the TASER 7
 - c. Practical hands-on training of the TASER 7
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 - h. Safety considerations and associated risks
 - i. Practical exercise
 - 2. Overview of exercises/drills
 - 3. Evaluation/testing/remediation procedures
- C. Safety Rules
 - 1. Firearms, live ammunition less lethal munitions, chemical agents, and edged weapons are not allowed in the training environment.
 - 2. Designated blue rubber training weapons will be utilized where needed for given exercises.

II. ELECTRONICS WEAPONS OVERVIEW

- A. Probe deployment vs Drive stun
- B. TASER less lethal history

III. LEGAL/ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- A. Use of Force Options
 - 1. Less Lethal force within the spectrum of force options
 - 2. Verbal, hands, less lethal, lethal force
 - 3. Escalation and de-escalation process
- B. Department Policy
 - 1. Use of Force Policy
 - 2. Conducted Energy Device Policy
 - 3. Medical Policy
- C. Legal Standards/Case Law
 - 1. Use of Force Considerations
 - a. PC 835a

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- i. Objectively reasonable force may be used to effect an arrest
- ii. Deadly force shall not be used on a person who only poses a threat to themselves

D. Report Writing and Preliminary Investigation Overview

1. Report writing and articulation

IV. TASER 7 OVERVIEW

- A. Nomenclature
- B. Manufacture specifications and safety guidelines
- C. Weapon specifications
- D. Holster specification
- E. Cartridge specifications
- F. Battery Specifications

V. DEPLOYMENT

A. Pre-deployment

1. Modes of deployment
2. Weak-side carry
3. Communication/contact-cover/arrest team
4. Deadly force cover considerations
5. Scene assessment/environmental considerations
6. Force options considerations
7. Known pre-existing medical considerations

B. Deployment

1. Recommended distance from subject
2. Probe placement techniques
 - a. Range
 - b. Speed
 - c. Vertical vs. Horizontal
 - d. Effective target areas
 - i. Lower Torso (below chest)
 - ii. Split the Beltline
 - e. Areas to avoid
 - i. Face
 - ii. Eyes
 - iii. Head
 - iv. Throat
 - v. Chest
 - vi. Genitals
- f. Known pre-existing injury areas

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2. Communication
 - a. Other officers
 - b. Subjects (warning/directions)
 3. Evaluate affect after each application
 4. Application of additional or different force options
 5. Cuffing under power
 6. Cover officer considerations
 7. Aiming
 - a. Sight vs Laser
 - b. Center Mass
 8. What to expect
 - a. Subject falls to ground
 - b. Subject freezes in place
 - c. Subject does not react
 - d. No long term effects
- B. Post-Deployment
1. Medical assessment for subject or officers
 2. Supervisor notification
 3. Probe removal
 4. Transportation/medical clearance
 5. Evidence collection
- C. Documentation
1. Subjects' behavior and actions
 2. Independent witnesses
 3. Documentation of the facts (injuries, medical care, etc.)
 4. Data downloads
 5. Body worn camera
 6. See Department Use of Force report guidelines

VI. PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- A. Static drills
- B. Scenario-based exercises
- C. Team Arrest techniques
 1. Communication
 2. Multiple officer control/handcuffing
- D. Individual exposures (Recommended, not required)

VII. TESTING/REMEDIATION

- A. Review / Questions
- B. Practical test
 1. Any student performing below standard on any exercise, as established by the instructor, will be remediated, and tested until competency is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the instructor.

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- a. Student's ability to safely handle the weapons and follow range safety rules will be taken into account with qualification.
 2. Unsafe students or students with negligence will fail immediately and will be allowed to remediate at a predetermined time.
- C. Certificates and Evaluations