

Lincoln Police

TASER
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Policy	To use only that force which is reasonably necessary to lawfully bring an incident under control (1.3.1)
Purpose	To establish guidelines and direction on the use of electronic control devices (ECD's)
Definitions	<p><i>Taser X26</i> – the only authorized less-lethal energy weapon that uses propelled wires to conduct energy to a remote target, controlling and effecting the central nervous system of the body approved by Lincoln PD</p> <p><i>Electronic Control Devices (ECD's)</i> use propelled wires or direct contact to conduct energy to affect the sensory and motor functions of the nervous system.</p> <p><i>AFID (Anti-Felon Identification)</i> – On firing 20-30 id particles are disbursed containing the serial number of the cartridge</p>
TASER	<p>Is a effective weapon to resolve standoff situations quickly In a method less likely to result in injury to the officer & the combatant Is designed to be easily distinguished from a Firearm <i>IS NOT A REPLACEMENT FOR A FIREARM</i></p>
Certification	Only certified officer may deploy the TASER Semi-annual recertification is required
Situational Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dealing with violent persons• Mentally ill who are perceived to be violent• Mentally impaired subjects due to alcohol/drugs who are violent• Armed Subjects• During warrant service where individuals are perceived to be dangerous• Subjects that have the intent and means to commit suicide• Anytime the use of Chemical spray or the baton is justified

In all cases it will be the sole responsibility of the individual to explain, in specific detail, why a particular action or set of actions was utilized. That it falls within the Response to resistance order

- Prohibited use** Unless all other means short of lethal force have been attempted and a real and immediate danger is presented to their or other persons safety
- On a child
 - The elderly
 - The visibly pregnant
 - Individuals in wheel chairs
 - Near flammable liquids or fumes
- Never to be used on**
- Drivers of Vehicles
 - Peaceful Demonstrators
 - Elevated structures – subject’s fall could reasonably result in death

Procedure

Verbal Warning	The combatant shall be given a oral warning to desist Only if officer safety would not be compromised
Notify other officers	If preparing to use the TASER notify on scene officers Dispatcher if possible Shout “TASER, TASER” immediately prior to use As a warning to officers & combatant
Distance	Optimum 12-18 feet Minimum 3 Probes separate 1 foot for every 7 feet
Target area	Aim center of Mass – chest or back The back is best as clothing is tighter – eliminates risk of face or eye injury NEVER AIM AT THE FACE & EYES
Discharge	Will automatically discharge for 5 seconds Discharge may be stopped by putting the safety down
Restraining	Assisting officers shall handcuff the subject It can be safe even during the discharge DO NOT touch the probes or wires
Reactivate	If the individual remains combatant An additional discharge/s can be applied only to bring the subject into compliance for officer safety

Failure to activate	<p>If the TASER fails to function or the wires break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the cartridge • Or use another non-deadly force weapon • Notify supervisor when possible to have weapon checked
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Pepper spray Issued pepper spray is water based and can be used prior to employing the TASER if needed (pepper spray discontinued in 2007)
Do not use TASER if another agency sprays, unless it is also a water based spray

Carrying of the TASER Shall be carried in the departmental holster issued
By certified officers
Two cartridges shall be given to each officer – attached to the TASER
No cartridges shall be carried loose in the pockets

Medical Assistance A ambulance will respond if a probe of the TASER is imbedded in the combatant
A EMT can remove the probe or transport the subject to the hospital
Any additional medical needs are referred to in GO 2.1
Copy of this order on file with Linwood Ambulance)
Tazer Form 2.1.5 must be given to subject

Reporting Procedures

Notifications	On duty supervisor or call back supervisor Notify Chief of Police
Evidence	Logged into evidence for response to resistance Used Cartridge 3 or 4 AFID tags Probes (treated as biohazard material)
Response to resistance report	Follow requirements of General order 2.1 & 2.2
Tazer form Form 2.1.4	Filled out and attached to Response to resistance form.
Pictures of injury	Photos shall be made of any injuries
data	The TASER shot data is to be downloaded and retained in the Use of Force report

Responsibilities

Officer	Follow the Response to Resistance guidelines & reporting procedures Provide subject with Taser for 2.1.5
Supervisor on scene	Investigate incident Gather evidence Obtain pictures
TASER Instructor	Download Data after an incident or when needed to see if a weapon has been used. Periodic reviews of each weapon at least once a year Maintain a file on each weapon & its use
Patrol Supervisor	Submit Response to resistance form to Chief
Chief of Police	Review use as required by General Order