

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Conducted Electrical Weapon "Taser X2" Expanded Course Outline (4 hour course)

<u>Course Title:</u>	Taser X2 Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) Recertification course.
<u>Course Goal:</u>	This course will offer continued training to deputies for enhancement of their abilities to safely and effectively use/deploy the Sheriff's Office issue "Taser X2" CEW for purposes of deescalating potentially hazardous situations and in effect safely take responsible parties into custody. Deputies will be taught; office policy, use of Taser X2 device, probe placement, tactical considerations, medical considerations/treatment, evidence collection and report writing skills specific to CEW terminology and finally current court cases which effect deputy's use of CEWs
<u>Audience:</u>	Sworn personnel of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office to include, full-time deputies, correctional officers, security officers and "at will/ extra help" reserve deputies. <i>All personnel should have already completed a New User Certification Course.</i>
<u>Core Competencies:</u>	Demonstrate proficient techniques and abilities regarding the deployment of the Taser X2 CEW.
<u>Date:</u>	December 8 th , 2020
<u>Total hours of Instruction:</u>	4 hours
<u>Location:</u>	Sheriff's HQ Roll call room & Bay #3
<u>Instructors:</u>	Instructors – Deputy Nate Engelhardt Deputy Daniel Cruz
<u>Mandated Training:</u>	Yes
<u>Method of presentation:</u>	Interactive Lecture and practical deployment

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of the instruction, the students will be able to:

1. Understand acknowledge Sheriff's Office "Lexipol" policy # 300
 2. Understand acknowledge Sheriff's Office "Lexipol" policy # 303
 3. Review and Discuss Taser report form and report writing
 4. Familiarization of Taser/cartridges nomenclature
 5. Review and Discuss deployment of Taser X2
 6. Review and Discuss target areas, probe placement, follow up actions after deployment
 7. Review and Discuss current evidence collection procedures and changes for future
 8. Review and Discuss critical incidents involving Taser
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- I. **Orientation/Instructor/Overview**
 - a. Class Orientation
 - b. Instructor Introductions
 - c. Course Outline

 - II. **Policy and Procedure Review**
 - a. Lexipol Policy #300
 - b. Lexipol Policy #303

 - III. **Safety Plan**
 - a. Location of medical facilities
 - b. Transportation methods (Via patrol car or ambulance depending on severity of injury)
 - c. Identify a safety officer
 - d. Evacuation Plan
 - e. Rally Point locations
 - f. Rules of Safety and Conduct
 - i. All weapons are to be unloaded
 - ii. All weapons will be checked prior to each scenario beginning
 - iii. Only SIM guns and Tasers provided by Taser Instructor Teams are to be used
 - iv. Scenarios are to be treated as real life situations with absolutely no "horse play" tolerated
 - g. Reporting injuries, proper forms needed (worker comp)

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IV. **Demonstration of Knowledge**

- a. Method of testing for students, practical and written examinations

V. **Classroom Instruction (Power point)**

- a. Introduction of course goals
 - i. Enhance recollection of office policy
 - ii. Enhance proficiency in the use and deployment of Taser's X2 CEW
 - iii. Review of target location, there effects
 - iv. Review of evidence collection procedures and future changes
 - v. Review of medical procedures after deployment of CEW
 - vi. Review of pertinent information for reports
 - vii. Pass written test
- b. Role of Taser within "Use of Force" policy
 - i. Discuss the role of the X2 CEW as a tool to safely take suspect into custody
 - ii. Discuss the role as a less lethal form of force
 - iii. Discuss tactics when using the X2
 1. Display vs. deployment
 2. Spark display
 3. Multiple CEWs on scene/deployed (15 second rule)
 4. Effective distance, probe spread
 5. "Splitting the Horizon" probe placement above and below the waist
 6. Use of cover and concealment
 - iv. **Tactics to consider while using the X2**
 1. Solo Deputy vs. having a partner
 2. Deadly Force on scene also?
 3. Your approach
 4. Your display for purposes of compliance
 5. Your concealment and/or cover
 6. Your voice command presence
 7. Clear and simple orders used for compliance
 8. Your target areas based on conditions
 9. Medical information about subject known to you
 - a. Pacemaker
 - b. Obvious signs of frailty
 - c. Elder/juvenile
 10. Subjects environment
 - a. Standing in water

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- b. Standing on a roof
 - c. Jumping over fence
 - 11. Deployment of X2
 - 12. Sounds to listen for
 - 13. Follow actions as needed
 - a. Second deployment
 - b. Drive stun follow up
 - c. Reloads and redeployment
 - 14. Plan to take into custody while under power
- v. Considerations after deployment**
 - 1. Take subject into custody safely
 - 2. Advise supervisor
 - 3. Render medical aid as needed
 - 4. Evidence collection considerations
- vi. Evidence collection**
 - 1. Current procedure
 - 2. Removal of probes by medical staff
 - 3. Collection of all parts to remain intact
 - 4. Photos of probe placement on target
 - 5. Photos of injuries if any
- vii. Considerations for reports**
 - 1. Taser form in RMS
 - 2. Sample reports
- viii. Discussion of current case law and its effect on the use of CEW**
 - 1. 15 seconds general rule.

VI. Tactical Deployment

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Personnel will be tested on the application of what was instructed through deploying CEW cartridges in a tactical demonstration.

A. Deputies will deploy one cartridge at target. Focus will be on target acquisition, announcement and effective firing of CEW.

B. Deputies will deploy a second cartridge during a supervised scenario.

VII. Drills and Applications

Deputies will complete and show proficiency in drawing, arming, aiming and transitioning to other weapon platforms. Deputies will understand canting to target suspect lying on the ground, three-point contacts and drive stuns.

i. Debrief of deputies' experience during practical deployment.

ALL TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AXON REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS. ALL WARNINGS AND TESTS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM AXON PRIOR TO THE TRAINING. THE POWER POINT WILL THE MOST CURRENT PROVIDED BY AXON. ALL INSTUCTORS ARE CURRENTLY CERTIFIED BY AXON.