

# **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

## **TASER X2 CONDUCTED ELECTRICAL WEAPON**

### **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION COURSE**

**Correctional Officer Training Summer 2023.**

Head Instructor(s): Correctional Officer Marc Rania

Other instructors: Supervising Correctional Officer J. Robles, and Correctional Officer S.

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### **Course Objective**

To provide the basic operational theory and practical training to reasonably, safely and effectively operate the TASER X2 CEW. This course is only for deputies who have previously completed the TASER X2 New User Certification Course.

Upon completion of this course, users will be able to:

- 1) Understand Sheriff's Policy regarding TASER usage
- 2) Understand the technology associated with the TASER X2
- 3) Understand the nomenclature of the TASER X2 and smart cartridges
- 4) Understand TASER use considerations
- 5) Understand Tactical considerations associated with CEW use
- 6) Demonstrate safe handling and effective deploying of the TASER X2

### **To complete this training officers must:**

1. Receive the current Annual CEW Update PowerPoint Presentation and any new Training Bulletins after its release date, including discussion of items in the instructor notes, drills and functional demonstrations.
2. Receive and review current Taser product warnings
3. Pass functional test
4. Deploy 2 Taser live cartridges into preferred target zones

# Course Outline

## Introduction

- A: Orientation
- B. Instructor Introductions
- C. Class outline

## Safety Plan

- A: Location of medical facilities
- B. Transportation methods (patrol car vs ambulance depending on severity of injury)
- C. Identification of safety officer
- D. Rules of Safety and Conduct
  - 1. All weapons are to be unloaded
  - 2. Safety inspections prior to beginning drills/scenario's
  - 3. Only SIM guns and TASERS provided by Taser Instruction Team are to be used
  - 4. Scenarios are to be treated as real situations with absolutely no "horse play"
  - 5. Reporting of injuries if necessary

## Policy and Procedure Review

- A. Use of Force Policy
- B. Taser Policy

## Legal/Ethical Considerations

- A. Case Law -Graham vs Connor
- B. Review of the 4th Amendment
- C. Reasonable Force
- D. Excessive Force

## **Classroom Instruction (Power Point Version 22)**

- A. Review and acknowledgement of TASER product warnings
- B. Review of disclaimers
- C. Overview of CEW technology
- D. Nervous System Types
- E. Neuro Muscular Incapacitation (NMI)
- F. Safety Considerations/Danger Signs
- G. Avoiding Dangerous Falls
- H. Avoid Flammables and Explosives
- I. Use Preferred Target Zones
- J. Restrain under power-avoiding prolonged exposures (15 second rule)
- K. Caution with Sensitive Populations
- L. Taser X2 Nomenclature, PPM, cartridge types/loading
- M. Trigger operation, probe spread, cross connect, distance considerations
- N. Water exposure
- O. Probe Placement, Preferred Target Zones
- P. Increased Deployment Risks
- Q. Limited/Ineffective usages, contingencies
- R. Post Incident Review
- S. Medical treatment
- T. Evidence collection
- U. Downloads

## **Tactical Considerations**

- A. Solo officer vs. having a partner
- B. Other force options on scene, creation of a plan if possible
- C. Tactical approach, concealment and/or cover

- D. Display/Arc for purpose of compliance, clear simple voice commands
- E. Determination of preferred target zones based on situation
- F. Suspects environmental concerns- dangerous falls, water, flammable liquids
- H. Obvious medical issues or sensitive persons
- G. Pre firing warning (Taser, Taser, Taser)
- I. Deployment-look for reaction/sounds
- J. Follow-up action as needed: reenergized, second cartridge, drive stun
- K. Take suspect into custody while under power
- L. Monitor Medical condition, request medical personnel
- M. Clearance at hospital
- N. Notify jail staff of CEW exposure

### Evidence Collection

- A. Current procedure
- B. Collection of all parts to remain intact
- C. Photographs of probe placement injuries
- D. Photograph of any secondary injuries

### Report Writing Considerations

- A. De-escalation attempts
- B. Reason for application related to policy
- C. Whether verbal warning was issued
- D. Targeted zones
- E. Number of applications and justification
- F. Identification of witnesses
- G. Medical care provided
- H. Observations of subjects physical and physiological state
- I. Any known or suspected intoxication or medical issues.

# TASER X2 CEW Training

## Drills and Applications

Minimum of 5 repetitions for each drill. All drills will be done under the supervision of a TASER Instructor. The drills will be continued until Instructor is satisfied with competency.

### Drills

- A. Drawing
- B. Warning Arc
- C. Aiming
- D. Threat
- E. Re-energize
- F. Ineffective Deployment

### Applications

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

### TASER X2 Deployment

Scenario(s):

(1) Officer will encounter (3) different standing targets from different distances. The trainer will give instruction to the trainee of which target to focus on. The trainee must aim in the preferred targeting area and deploy (2) cartridges into said target.

(2) Trainee and Trainer will move to a dummy laying flat on the ground where trainees will give verbal commands and apply a, "staple technique" on the target by deploying a round into the upper body and follow with a "drive stun" to the lower body.

### **Class Wrap-up**

*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.*

