

January 2023

Taser New User Certification Outline

- 1) Housekeeping (15 minutes):
 - a. Sign in and Taser Inventory
 - b. Complete Top of User Certification Forms
 - c. Check for Firmware Updates

- 2) Axon User Update Powerpoint (1 hour):
 - a. Tactical considerations
 - b. Target areas/Probe Placement
 - c. Neuro-muscular Incapacitation
 - d. Causes of Limited Effectiveness
 - e. Use Considerations and 4th Amendment Standard
 - f. Use of Force on Pretrial Detainees
 - g. CEW Medical Risks

*While one trainer teaches, the should inspect each participant's Taser with emphasis on battery life analysis

- 3) New Taser Training Bulletin Review (15 Minutes)
 - a. Review Axon Bulletins
 - b. Go over recent Taser failure issues
 - i. Parolee incident when Grimaldi Taser died, issues with batteries suddenly shorting out/dying, optics considerations
 - ii. Recommendations: continue spark testing at least once per week, but be aware of unexpected failures.

- 4) Department Policies Powerpoint (1 hour):
 - a. Department policy
 - b. Case Law
 - c. Ethical discussion – When to take action

- 5) Taser Use Video Review and Discussion (30 minutes)

- 6) Drills and Function test (30 minutes):
 - a. Drills

- b. Demonstrate proper finger positioning
- c. Holster/Re-holster
- d. Aiming
- e. Unloading
- f. Loading
- g. Removing battery
- h. Replacing battery

7) Practical (30 minutes):

- a. Warm up
- b. Qualifications: Deploy 2 Taser Cartridges into preferred target zones