

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



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**Introduction:** This policy is being updated to incorporate the updated probe deployment language from the new use of force policies for those who have received the training and been issued their new TASER 10. The prior language will still apply for those who have not yet received the training and the new TASER 10. This update only changes the probe deployment and re-energizing language and does not alter the other use conditions. After training has concluded for the Department, the new use of force policies will be effective and will replace this revision.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-304 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

**5-304 Use of Force Control Options**

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**III. Policy**

**H. Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs)**

2. ~~CEW use~~Cycles with a TASER 7

2. For members with a TASER 7, the following applies:

a. Cycles

When activating a CEW on a subject, personnel should activate it for one standard cycle (a standard cycle is five seconds) and pause to evaluate the situation to determine if subsequent cycles are necessary.

i.a. If subsequent cycles are necessary, officers should restrict the number and duration to only the minimum amount necessary to control or place the subject in custody under the existing circumstances.

ii.b. Personnel should constantly reassess the need for further activations after each CEW cycle and should consider that exposure to multiple applications of the CEW for longer than 15 seconds may increase the risk of serious injury or death.

iii.c. Officers should be aware that a lack of change in a subject's behavior often indicates that the electrical circuit has not been completed or is intermittent. If there is a need for another cycle based on the standards above, officers should immediately discharge another cartridge or transition to other control options rather than activating continued ineffective cycles.

### 3. Cycles and deployment of additional probes with a TASER 10

For members with a TASER 10, the following applies:

#### a. Initial deployment

Each trigger pull deploys a single probe. A minimum of two deployed probes are required to make a connection. The second probe should be deployed as quickly and accurately as possible to ensure a full-circuit connection. The initial deployment of two probes is considered a single use of force.

#### b. Additional probes

Each deployment beyond the initial two probes is a separate use of force that members must separately justify as objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional. Additional probes may be deployed when the conditions for use still apply, and:

- The probes have not completed a circuit.
- The probes have completed a circuit, but the circuit is not resulting in a sufficient change in the person's behavior. For example, the position of the probes results only in localized pain and the subject behavior continues.
- A previously completed circuit fails.

#### c. Re-energizing

After the conclusion of a cycle where neuro-muscular incapacitation has been achieved, the member shall assess the person to determine if an additional cycle is necessary based on the person's behavior. Re-energizing the CEW is a separate use of force that members must separately justify as objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional.

i. In determining whether any additional cycle is objectively reasonable, members shall consider whether the person has the ability to comply and has been given a reasonable opportunity to comply prior to re-energizing the CEW.

ii. If subsequent cycles are necessary, members shall restrict the number and duration to only the minimum amount necessary to place the person into custody or safely control the situation, and subject to the limits stated in this policy.

4. Tactics and requirements when using a CEW

- a. ~~b.~~ One officer at a time
  - b. ~~e.~~ Warnings
  - c. ~~d.~~ Holstering
  - d. ~~e.~~ Subject factors
  - e. ~~f.~~ Situational factors
5. ~~3.~~ Loss or damage
6. ~~4.~~ Use during off-duty employment
7. ~~5.~~ Downloading and reporting
8. ~~6.~~ Post exposure treatment and medical aid