



VANCOUVER POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CONDUCTED ENERGY WEAPON  
TASER PROGRAM  
PRESENTATION

to

The  
BRAIDWOOD COMMISSION

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VPD Force Response Training Unit

# VPD CEW Course Selection Criteria

- Applicants are selected and recommended for the course by their supervisors. The CEW Coordinator will review each application for approval.
- Applicants must be competent with basic force option skills as demonstrated in the field.

# CEW COURSE

- One 8 hour training and certification day
- Four hours in a classroom setting: Written and Practical exam
- Four hours participation in reality based training.
- Upon successful completion, the operator is issued with a Taser.

# Spark Test

- The operator performs a spark test prior to each shift.
- The officer looks for proper arching between contact points and listens for any breaks in the spark test.

# MAINTENANCE

- Member tests routinely using the spark test.
- The Taser will be downloaded by the CEW Coordinator.
  - Every 6 months and/or after each trigger pull in the line of duty.

# VANCOUVER POLICE POLICY

- The Taser is placed at the intermediate weapons force option within the National Use of Force Model.
- The VPD supports the use of an intermediate weapon when lower levels are ineffective and/or inappropriate and higher levels would be inappropriate or not justified. (Section 31.01 of the Regulations and Procedure Manual)



# *The TASER Device is not a Substitute for Lethal Force*

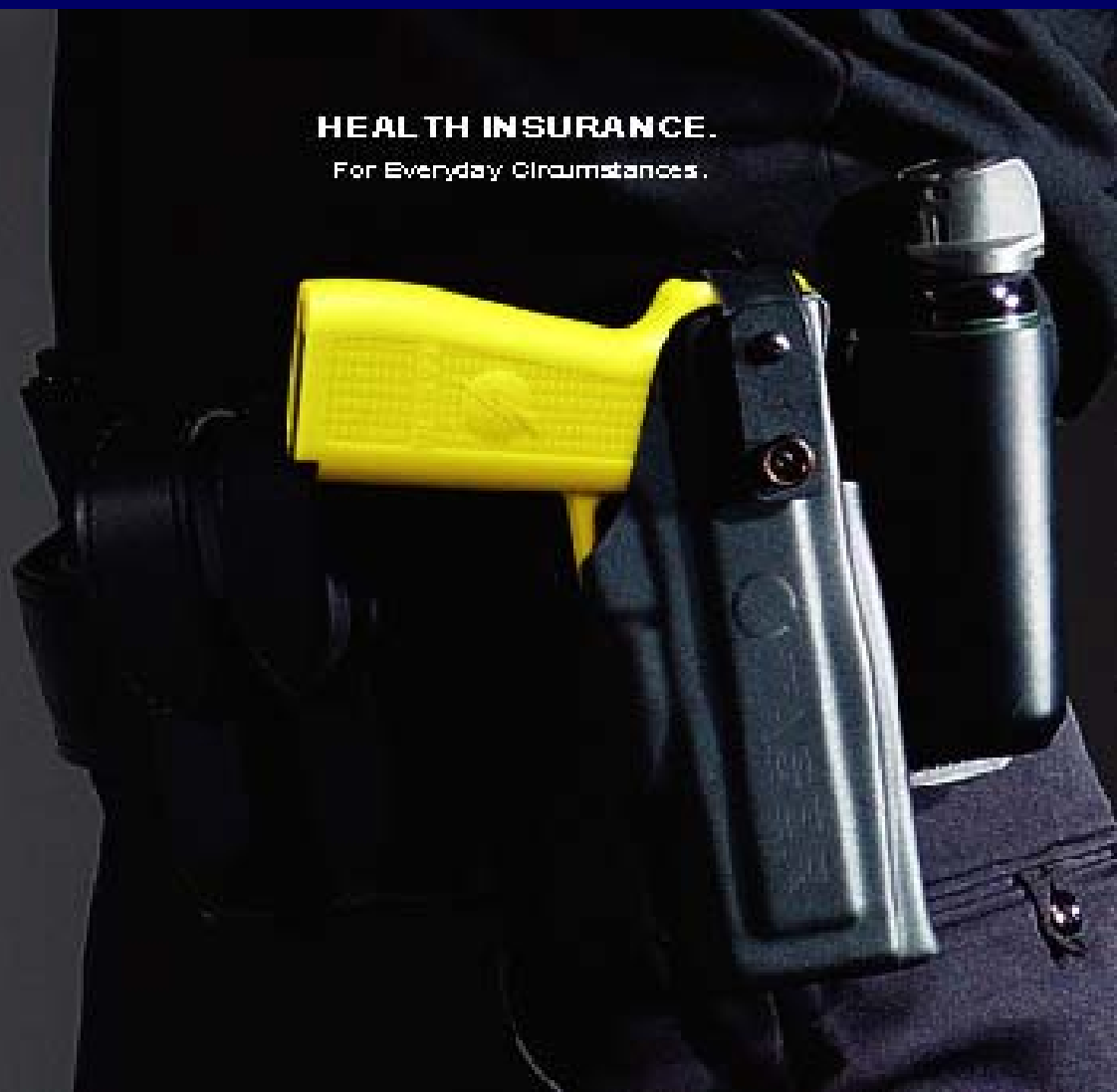
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For Extreme Circumstances.



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# Controlling/Cuffing Under Power

- Each cycle should be used as a “window of opportunity” to attempt to establish control/cuff while the subject is affected by the TASER cycle
- The need for multiple cycles may be avoided by controlling/cuffing under power if contact officers are available



# Contact Stun Backup

- The contact stun can be used when in close proximity to subject. The muzzle of the Taser is pressed to the subject's body.
- The contact stun mode alone will not cause NMI. It generally acts as a pain compliance tool.
- If not effective, evaluate location of contact stun, consider an additional cycle to a different pressure point, or consider alternative force options.

# What to do Following CEW Device Use

- Once the subject is restrained and controlled, they are placed in a seated position and evaluated by EHS.
- A VPD use of force report will be submitted for the force options section.
- Operator will have the CEW Coordinator download and assess the Taser for record keeping.
- CEW Coordinator provides monthly statistics on CEW usage.



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