

# **University of California, Irvine Police Department**

## **CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICE (CED) COURSE** User Certification

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### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this course is to provide officers with basic operational theory and practical training to reasonably, safely, and effectively operate TASER Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs). In addition, officers will learn how the TASER CED falls within UC Irvine Police Department's Conducted Energy Device Policy (Policy 321) and Use of Force Policy (Policy 300).

### **GOAL**

The course will cover initial training and certification for users of the TASER X26P.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

1. Explain the technology associated with X26P
2. Describe the nomenclature and operation of the X26P
3. Describe the nomenclature and operation of the TASER cartridge
4. Explain proper care and troubleshooting techniques
5. Explain CED Smart Use Considerations
6. Explain the Tactical Considerations associated with CED use
7. Explain proper probe placement and aiming requirements
8. Achieve a 100% score on written examination
9. Demonstrate safe handling of CEDs
10. Deploy a minimum of 2 live CED cartridges in the preferred target zones

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

- I. INTRODUCTION
  - a. Roster sign-in / TASER operator forms
  - b. Course Overview
- II. TASER TECHNOLOGY
  - a. Overview of CED Technology

- i. Neuromuscular Incapacitation (NMI)
- ii. Effects on central, sensory, and motor nervous systems

### III. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- i. Medical Crisis Signs
- ii. Five Key Safety Guidelines
  1. Be aware of the enhanced risk of fall
  2. Avoid known flammables & explosives
  3. Use preferred target zones
  4. Control and restrain quickly (minimize exposures)
  5. Be aware of particularly susceptible and sensitive populations
- iii. Preferred Target Zones
  1. Do not intentionally target the head, eyes, throat, chest, or genitals unless legally justified
  2. Front: Lower torso, larger muscles, “split the beltline”
  3. Back: Below neck; most preferred target area
- iv. Four Sensitive Populations
  1. Pregnant women
  2. Elderly
  3. Small children
  4. Low body-mass index / very thin persons

### IV. TASER X26P OVERVIEW

- a. TASER X26P nomenclature
- b. TASER X26P safety switch in the SAFE position
- c. TASER X26P safety switch in the ARMED position
- d. Single trigger pull & Extended Discharge
- e. Re-energizing a cartridge
- f. TASER X26P selector switch
- g. LASER and light settings
- h. Performance Power Magazine (PPM)
- i. Function test on the TASER X26P

- i. Follow agency protocol and function test safety guidelines

V. TASER CARTRIDGES

- a. Cartridge safety
- b. Cartridge components
- c. Cartridge probe spread
- d. Deployment distance considerations
  - i. UCIPD deployed cartridge (XP 25 ft.)
- e. Anti-Felon Identification Tags (AFIDs)
- f. Loading cartridges
- g. Probe removal

VI. X26P TROUBLESHOOTING

- a. Triage a major fault
- b. Triage a critical fault

VII. BASIC CLEANING

- a. Cleaning of energy weapon

VIII. EXPOSURE TO WATER

- a. Processes when exposed or fully submerged in water

IX. SMART USE CONSIDERATIONS

- a. U.S. 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to effect an arrest
- b. Use of force on pretrial detainees and convicted prisoners

X. IACP MODEL POLICY

- a. TASER authorized use
  - i. Threat level
  - ii. Environment
  - iii. Physical Position
- b. Number and duration of deployments

XI. TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- a. Holster carry and draw
- b. De-escalate
  - i. Pre-cartridge deployment

- ii. Effective communication
    - iii. Warning ARC & laser painting
  - c. Probe placement
    - i. Preferred target zone
  - d. Increased deployment risk examples
  - e. Injuries from falls
  - f. TASER wire management
  - g. Be aware of distractions
  - h. Limited Effectiveness
    - i. Small probe spread
    - ii. Miss or single probe hit
    - iii. Incomplete, broken, or intermittent circuit
    - iv. Loose or thick clothing
    - v. Low nerve or muscle mass
    - vi. Obese subject
  - i. Change of behavior
  - j. Contingencies
    - i. Re-engage
    - ii. Other force options
  - k. Controlling & cuffing under power
    - i. "Window of opportunity" to control/cuff subject
  - l. Suicidal subjects
    - i. Review policy on dealing with suicidal subjects
  - m. Drive stun considerations
    - i. NMI vs focused pain compliance
    - ii. Targeting Considerations
    - iii. Drive-stun techniques

## XII. ANIMALS

- a. Effects on animals
- b. K-9 Caution

XIII. POST INCIDENT

- a. Documentation
  - i. Subject's threats, behaviors, and actions
  - ii. Perceived risk of harm
  - iii. Each application of force
  - iv. Each TASER energy weapon trigger pull or 5-second discharge
  - v. Location of probes on subject
  - vi. Each injury or alleged injury
- b. Probe removal
- c. Evidence Collection
  - i. Photographing injuries, probe impact or contact points
  - ii. Collecting cartridge(s), probes, AFIDS

XIV. VOLUNTARY EXPOSURE

- a. TASER Training does NOT require a TASER energy weapon exposure for an instructor or operator certification

XV. REVIEW DEPARTMENT POLICY

- a. Conducted Energy Device (Policy 321)
- b. Use of Force (Policy 300)

XVI. REVIEW THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATURE/PENAL CODES

- a. PC 835(a)
- b. SB 230
- c. AB 392
- d. PC 13652
- e. PC 13652.1

XVII. WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- a. Test Part 1
- b. Test Part 2
- c. Current TASER written test requirements (100% pass rating)
  - i. Remediation process will consist of giving students a reasonable amount of time to prepare and retake Test

## **SAFETY REVIEW**

1. No firearms (loaded or unloaded), weapons (knives, batons, OC spray, etc.), ammunition shall be brought to the training area when conducting scenarios with the HALT or TASER suit. Safety checks will be done throughout the course of instruction.
2. Eye protection shall be worn by all participants during any live activations.
3. The CED shall not be activated or operated unless instructed to do so by the instructor.
4. There will be a designated instructor or student as a safety officer
5. Advise students of exposure risks (TASER form)

## **XVIII. PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

- a. Demonstrate safe handling of CED
  - i. Function test
  - ii. Trigger press
  - iii. Safety switch (on/off)
- b. Perform a proper warning ARC
  - i. Remove cartridge before conducting ARC warning
- c. Deploy a minimum of 2 live cartridges, placing both probes in preferred target zones
  - i. Static target
    1. Draw and fire from 10-12 feet into TASER target
    2. Malfunction - Reloading Exercise
      - a. Draw and fire from 10-12 feet into TASER target, malfunction occurs, reload and fire second cartridge
  - ii. Role Play Scenario with SIM suit (if available)
    1. Judgement and decision making
    2. De-escalation techniques
    3. Taser deployment

XIX. TESTING/REMEDIATION

- a. Any student scoring below standard on any exercise as established by the instructor, will be remediated, and testing until competency is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the instructor.

XX. COURSE SIGN OFF

**COURSE TIME:** User Certification Course: 6 hours minimum. User certification is one year with a yearly 2-hour update required thereafter.