

Arma, KS Police Department

Subject: Use of Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW) by the city of Arma Police Department.

Purpose

To Establish Departmental Policy regarding the possession and use of the Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW) for less than lethal force.

Definitions

Conducted Electrical Weapons- Devices designed to disrupt a subject's central nervous system by means of deploying battery powered electrical energy sufficient to cause uncontrolled muscle contractions and override an individual's voluntary motor responses (i.e. TASER, Stun-gun, etc).

Policy

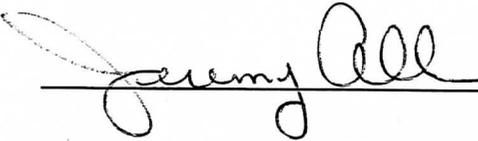
It is the policy of the Arma, KS Police Department that the level of control employed by a Police Officer should be the least amount reasonably necessary to accomplish official duties.

Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEW) may be used by authorized and trained personnel in accordance with the Use of Force Policy and additional guidelines established herein. When circumstances allow, Police Officer(s) should attempt to gain compliance by verbal persuasion or verbal command prior to the use of an CEW. Police Officer(s) are authorized to deploy an CEW in order to prevent or stop an attack against a Police Officer or another person or citizen. Police Officer(s) may also use an CEW deployment to incapacitate a subject who actively resists apprehension or attempts to subdue the subject by other conventional tactics have been, or will likely be, ineffective in the situation at hand; or there is reasonable expectation that it will be unsafe for the Police Officer(s) to approach within contact range of the subject. The CEW should not be used on passive resistant subjects.

- Only Departmental Issued CEW's may be used by Arma, KS Police Officers
- Approved personnel must successfully complete a course of training by a certified instructor. In order to maintain proficiency, authorized personnel carrying a CEW will be responsible to maintain certification, which is required yearly.
- The TASER shall be carried in a Departmental approved holster. The holster MUST be positioned in a way that the TASER is drawn with the Support or weak hand.

- Whenever possible, Department members should make known their intent to use the CEW before the actual deployment of the CEW. The verbal warning is intended to advise the subject of the Police Officer(s) intentions and to alert other personnel or citizens present to avoid sympathetic fire.
- The CEW will not be used in a punitive, retaliatory, vengeful or indiscriminate manner.
- The CEW should not be deployed on a handcuffed or secured prisoner, unless such prisoner is ACTIVELY resisting lawful detention or attempting escape and he or she poses a threat of immediate harm to the Police Officer(s) or another person or citizen.
- The CEW will not be used in any environment where an officer knows that a potentially flammable, volatile, or explosive material is present (including but not limited to alcohol based OC spray, gasoline, methamphetamine labs, natural gas or propane).
- The CEW will not be used in any environment where the subject's fall would reasonably likely result in great bodily harm or death (elevated location, body of water, etc) unless the use of force that could cause great bodily harm or death is reasonable and justified.
- As in all uses of force, certain individuals may be more susceptible to injury. Police Officer(s) should be aware of the greater potential for injury, when using the CEW against juveniles, elderly, persons of small stature, irrespective of age, or those who the Officer has reason to believe are pregnant, equipped with a pacemaker, or in obvious ill or poor health.
- The CEW should not be used when the subject is operating a motor vehicle, unless compelling reasons can be articulated.
- The use of the CEW must be terminated when the person is incapacitated, under control, or the circumstances in which the use is warranted have changed.
- Department members who have deployed an CEW on a person will ensure that proper first aid procedures are initiated when control of the person is established, which may include but not limited to....Notifying EMS. CEW darts should be removed from the person following procedures outlined in training. Photographs of the affected area should and will be taken .
- After a TASER has been used on a person, the Police Officer(s) will collect the cartridge, wire leads, probes and AFID's as evidence. Download of firing data should also be completed along with report including the details of the incident. An CEW Use Report will also be completed.

- Department members who deploy the CEW for any reason will notify the Chief of Police or the Assistant Chief of Police immediately.
- Department members who are certified to carry a CEW will be given a copy of this policy and sign that they fully understand all aspects of the policy.
- Every deployment will be reviewed by the Arma City Mayor, or in the event the Mayor is not available the Mayor's designee and the Chief of Police to determine if proper policy was followed by the Police Officer. Failure to properly follow policy regarding the use of a CEW will result in disciplinary actions which include but not limited to, written or verbal reprimand, suspension or termination.



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