X26 Taser Policy

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to Altadena Station.

ORDER:

It is the policy of Altadena Station that the deployment of the X26 Taser be restricted to users who are Departmentally approved and certified. The Taser is an additional less-lethal tool that may be used to control assaultive or dangerous individuals when other conventional tactics have failed. The Taser is not intended to replace firearms, self-defensive tactics, or deadly force.

GUIDELINES

1. The Watch Deputy shall ensure that all Tasers not in use be secured in the station armory.
2. The Taser shall be checked-in/out, in the prescribed manner prior to each shift.
3. The Taser shall be test arced prior to the beginning of each shift and logged onto the Deputy Daily Worksheet.
4. Deputy personnel shall secure the Taser in their patrol vehicle when its use is not anticipated.
5. The Taser shall be deployed with the field sergeant and all patrol units at all times.

EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Upon encountering a situation which may require the use of the Taser, request the

response of a back-up unit and a field supervisor.

The Taser may be utilized as an intimidation feature to de-escalate a situation such as, show of force either a laser activation or a spark demonstration.

When the X26 is used as a spark demonstration this activation shall be noted in the Mobile Digital Log.

All suspects struck by a Taser shall, as soon as practical and prior to booking, be transported to a medical facility for probe removal and medical examination. Only medical staff shall remove probes.

Using a Taser on a suspect is considered Category 2, Use of Force and all required documentation shall be completed.

All personnel will adhere to the MMP section 5-09/430.00, Use of Force Reporting and Review Procedures and MPP 5-09/175.05 Electronic Immobilization Device (TASER) procedures.