Altadena Station Unit Orders: X26 Taser Policy

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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
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.
<ol><li>The Taser shall be test arced prior to the beginning of each shift and logged onto the Deputy Daily Worksheet.</li></ol>
4. Deputy personnel shall secure the Taser in their patrol vehicle when its use is not anticipated.

## **EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

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Upon encountering a situation which may require the use of the Taser, request the response of a back-up unit and a field supervisor.

5. The Taser shall be deployed with the field sergeant and all patrol units at all times.

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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.

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