

05-01 DEPLOYMENT OF X-26 TASER



TASKFORCE FOR REGIONAL AUTOTHEFT

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Subject: DEPLOYMENT OF X-26 TASER

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Unit Order is to establish a uniform policy on the authorization, possession and use of the *X-26 Taser* assigned to TRAP personnel. This policy is being implemented to ensure that investigators assigned to TRAP adhere to the guidelines established by this unit and the policy and procedures of their respective agencies. These guidelines shall include training, the proper use and handling of such weapons, and the written authorization to carry these weapons while on-duty by the investigator's home agency.

GUIDELINES

During any investigation or search warrant, where there is the potential for confrontation, the *X-26 Taser* shall be deployed and ready for activation if the situation is warranted. The utilization of specialized "less-than-lethal" tactical weapons will increase officer safety and minimize the potential of a violent confrontation.

In an effort to reduce the potential for liability to both TRAP and its personnel, it is required that each investigator attend a certified Taser Training course in order to possess and use the *X-26 Taser*. Investigators assigned to TRAP wishing to possess the *X-26 Taser*, must provide documentation of the certified training from their agency. This document shall be signed by the Chief of Police or a commanding officer of their respective agency, giving the authorization for the investigator to carry the *X-26 Taser* while in the field. The signed authorization document shall be submitted to the TRAP Project Director for review and approval. Upon approval, the document will be placed in the concerned investigator's personnel file and a

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copy forwarded to the appropriate area lieutenant.

DEPLOYMENT

TRAP investigators who have provided the proper certification and authorization to carry the *X-26 Taser*, shall adhere to the following guidelines:

- Only trained and certified investigators shall be authorized to carry and use the *X-26 Taser* during any deployment.
- The *X-26 Taser* shall be available during any arrest or search warrant operation.
- When not being deployed, the *X-26 Taser* shall remain **as inconspicuous as possible**, unless exigent circumstances arise.
- The *X-26 Taser* shall be stored and secured in an area inaccessible to the general public.
- Should there be a loss or theft of the *X-26 Taser*, immediate notification shall be made to the Project Director, through the area lieutenant.
- Team supervisors, when notified of such a loss or theft, shall ensure all necessary law enforcement agencies in the jurisdiction of occurrence are notified. A copy of all reports will be submitted to the Project Director and area lieutenant for administrative purposes.

REPORTING PROCEDURES:

When the *X-26 Taser* is activated to subdue or apprehend a suspect, all reporting procedures regarding the "Use of force" shall be in effect. Proper notifications to the team supervisor and area lieutenants shall be made immediately. If the *X-26 Taser* is activated to subdue or apprehend a suspect by a TRAP assigned investigator from an outside agency, a TRAP supervisor should ensure that a supervisor from the officer's agency is notified. The incident involving the "Use of Force" shall be documented and submitted by the team supervisor to headquarters operations office within **5 business days**.

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