5-06/045.07 - CEW Deployment Considerations

While the use of a CEW involves the potential for serious injury, there may be an even greater risk in certain situations. After a CEW is drawn, Department members shall continue to assess the environment and the situation. Absent emergency circumstances, Department members should avoid using the CEW on subjects who are:

- On an elevated or unstable surface which could cause a fall that could result in significant impact injury;
- Operating or riding any mode of transportation;
- In water, mud, or a marsh, and the ability to move is restricted;
- Known to or believed by the member to be pregnant, under 12 years of age, elderly or visibly frail, or to have a pacemaker;
- Near flammable or combustible fumes/liquids. This includes subjects who have been recently sprayed with a flammable

  chemical agent;

NOTE: The Department-issued “Sabre Red” OC has been clearly labeled as safe to use in conjunction with a CEW.

- Handcuffed, restrained, incapacitated, or immobilized, unless doing so is necessary to prevent them from causing serious bodily

  harm to themselves, or others, and if lesser attempts of control are likely to be ineffective;
- Fleeing or running away, unless the subject is an immediate threat to themselves or others (Department members should

  continually assess the situation considering the most appropriate tactical plan); and
- Department members should not intentionally activate more than one CEW at a time on the same subject.