



# GENERAL ORDER

## OAK BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

### OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS

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#### 503.1 Policy

It is the policy of the Oak Brook Police Department to utilize a reasonable level of force in achieving a lawful objective as provided by the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, which states:

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

The force used by any member of the Oak Brook Police Department shall adhere to the requirements set forth in 720 ILCS 5/7, other related statutes, applicable case law, department general orders and training.

Oak Brook Police Department personnel will use that level of force which is objectively reasonable and necessary to accomplish a lawful objective. Examples of those objectives include:

- a. Defend themselves from bodily harm.
- b. Defend another from bodily harm.
- c. Protect property.
- d. Effect an arrest.
- e. Prevent escape.
- f. Effect the protective custody or involuntary admission of a subject pursuant to the Mental Health Act.

When determining the level of force used the department member must consider:

- a. The severity of the crime.

- b. The immediacy of the threat.
- c. Whether the suspect is actively resisting arrest or attempting to flee.

The force used by any department member will only be that which is required to overcome the resistance being offered by an offender.

### 503.2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of the Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW), to include the training and certification of Officers who will be authorized to deploy and utilize the Less Lethal Conducted Electrical Weapon.

### 503.3 Definitions

Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW): A less-lethal conducted electrical weapon that uses propelled wires to conduct electricity that affects the sensory and motor functions of the central nervous system.

Cartridge: Contains two probes attached to conductive wire propelled by inert, non-flammable nitrogen capsules.

AFID (Anti-Felon Identification): Every time an air cartridge is fired, it disperses 20-30 identification tags called AFIDs. These tags are printed with the serial number of the cartridge.

Dataport: The Taser stores the time and date of every time it is fired. The dataport allows this information to be downloaded to computer.

Taser Cam: Provides power to the CEW as well as the ability to record video and audio when the safety switch of the X26 is in the up (ARMED) position.

CEW Deployment Officer: An Officer that has successfully completed the department approved training course and is certified/authorized to deploy the CEW.

Subject: The person that is the focus of the police operation.

1.3.9a 503.4 Authorized CEW

1.3.9c All department issued CEWs will be inspected by a certified CEW instructor prior to approval for use. That instructor will ensure the CEW is undamaged and functions properly. In addition, subsequent inspections, to include cleaning and the download of all CEW Firing Data, will occur on an annual basis. Proof of each inspection will be maintained on the department CEW Inventory Log.

1.3.9b All CEW Deployment Officers will be issued two (2), 25 foot range, single shot, XP, air cartridges. The cartridges will be inspected for serviceability by a certified CEW instructor prior to approval for use. In addition, subsequent inspections will occur on an annual basis;

1.3.9e proof of which will be maintained on the department CEW Inventory Log.

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### 503.5 Training

To become certified to deploy the CEW, Officers must complete:

- a. The department approved training course conducted by a certified instructor.
- b. Pass the written test with a score of 90% or greater.
- c. Complete a practical familiarization course.
- d. Pass the practical application qualification course.

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To maintain certification, Officers must complete an annual recertification course. This will include the written test, practical familiarization course and the practical application qualification course.

### 503.6 Storage and Inspection Requirements

The CEW will only be carried and deployed by Officers that have successfully completed the departments CEW Certification Course.

The CEW will be carried in a department issued CEW holster.

To ensure the proper operation of the CEW:

- a. CEW cartridges will be inspected at the beginning of each shift. Expired or damaged cartridges will be removed from circulation and may only be used for training purposes.
- b. The Battery Percentage will be checked at the beginning of each shift. If the central information display indicates that the power level has dropped below 30%, the Taser shall be removed from service. The Officer shall then notify a CEW Instructor. That notification shall include the device number.
- c. CEW Deployment Officers will conduct a spark test of their CEW prior to the start of their duty assignment.
- d. If a CEW appears to be damaged or fails to consistently function as designed it will be immediately removed from service. That CEW will not be used until it has been repaired and test fired to ensure it functions properly.

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The CEW shall be placed in a gun locker prior to entering any designated "Secure Area". Nothing in this General Order should be construed as prohibiting the deployment of a CEW in a "Secure Area" should circumstances necessitate its use.

### 503.7 Deployment Techniques

The CEW should not be used when the subject is a child, elderly or visibly pregnant unless all other means short of lethal force have been attempted.

Do not deploy the CEW near flammable liquids and fumes. The CEW can ignite gasoline and other flammables.

The Deployment Officer should always have a lethal cover Officer when deploying the CEW.

The Deployment Officer must ensure the cover Officer knows that they are responsible for

the use of deadly force should it become necessary.

If the situation allows, the Deployment Officer should announce via the radio and verbally to Officers at the scene that they have transitioned to the CEW.

If the situation permits, the Deployment Officer will call out in a loud clear voice “Taser, Taser” immediately prior to discharging the CEW.

The optimum distance for effective deployment is 7 to 15 feet.

Once the trigger has been depressed, the CEW will automatically discharge for 5-seconds. The discharge may be stopped at any time by rotating the safety down.

When engaging the subject, the Deployment Officer should evaluate the effectiveness of the discharge and determine whether it is necessary and appropriate, given the circumstances, to depress the trigger and reactivate the CEW.

#### 503.8 Preferred Target Areas

The preferred target area is the center mass of the back as clothing tends to fit tighter and doing so eliminates the risk of eye injury.

The recommended target area for frontal deployment is low center mass near the waistline.

Never aim the CEW at the eyes or face.

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#### 503.9 Medical Aid

After any application of force against an individual, if a department member observes the individual is clearly injured, the individual complains of being injured or the member reasonably believes the person is injured or is in need of medical attention, once it is safe and appropriate to do so the member shall:

- a. Render appropriate first aid within the limits of the member’s training and available equipment.
- b. Immediately summon the fire department for medical assistance.
- c. Notify the on-duty Supervisor.
- d. Complete the appropriate incident reports regarding the injury and the circumstances.

If possible, photograph the injured area (with and without scale of reference).

If the subject is transported to the hospital an Officer will give the staff a printed copy of the CEW technical data sheet (see Attachment A). If possible, the Officer will provide the number of discharges and the approximate duration of each discharge.

Officers will not refuse a request for medical attention.

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#### 503.10 Reporting Procedures

The deployment of the CEW constitutes a use of force that must be reported and investigated in accordance with department policy FOR-501, Investigating Use of Force Incidents.

The Supervisor or designee shall photograph any injuries (with and without a scale of

reference).

The spent cartridges, wires and probes shall be collected and inventoried as evidence. Probes that have penetrated the body should be treated as contaminated needles. The spent cartridges, wires and probes will be collected in accordance with department policy INV-402, Collection and Preservation of Evidence.

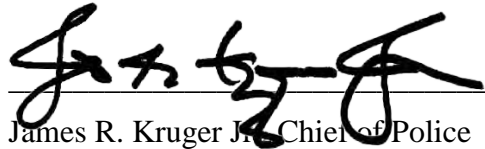
The on-duty Supervisor will ensure the CEW Firing Data Report and Taser Cam video are downloaded and forwarded to the appropriate Division Commander.

The Chief of Police or designee will be notified via the chain of command and in accordance with department policy, OPR-333, Special Notifications, whenever the CEW is utilized.

#### 503.11 Issuing Authority

This General Order will supersede any directives or understandings in conflict.

By order of:



James R. Kruger Jr. Chief of Police

#### Revised:

- **01-02-13** Changed term Electronic Control Device (ECD) to Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW)
- **10-21-13** 503.3 – Removed definition of DPM, and added Taser Cam  
503.6 – Revised procedure to include Taser Cam  
503.10 – Revised procedure for collecting video, cartridge, probes and wires as evidence