Drive-Stun Mode



Tactical Considerations

Holster Carry Pros & Cons



BEST OUTCOME:

De-Escalate

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IN THE UK, MORE THAN 80% OF INCIDENTS ARE RESOLVED WITHOUT PROBES DEPLOYED

UK TASER Options

Subject with a Knife De-escalation Video

Video Learning Points

- Suicidal subject with a knife
- Officer maintained distance
- Officer showed empathy and built rapport

Subject with a Knife De-escalation Video



Probe Placement



Preferred Target Zone:



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Probe Placement



TASER Conductive Targets



Tactical Considerations

- Have reasonable and appropriate force options available when practical
- Consider cover and distance tactics
- When practical:
 - have at least one back-up officer present to control/cuff under power
 - consider fall zone

Increased Deployment Risk Examples

Injuries From Falls

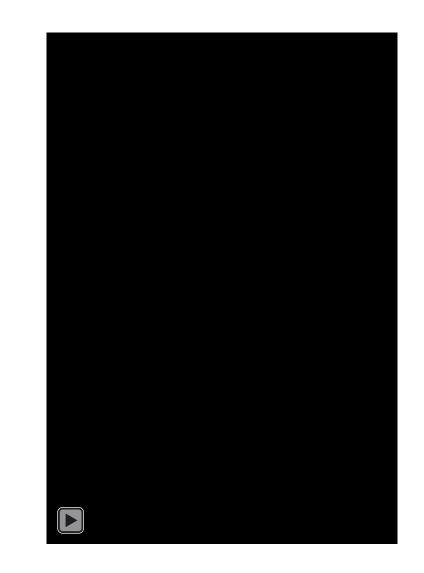
NMI frequently causes subject to fall

- Falls are often uncontrolled and subjects are often unable to protect or catch themselves
- Falls, even from ground level, can cause serious injuries or death (especially on a hard surface)

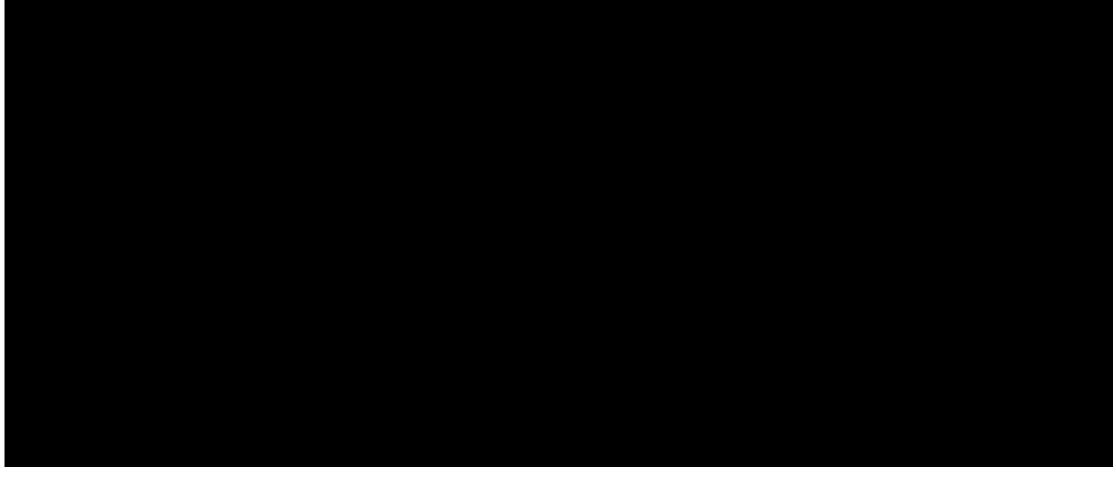
Avoid Dangerous Falls

Video Learning Points

- Subject is running
- Subject unable to catch himself when TASER is deployed
- Could have resulted in serious injury



Tactical Considerations



Be Careful of Distractions

- There are incidents/cases where officers have been accused of using excessive CEW exposures caused by distractions (including by nearby family members, bystanders, incident witnesses), stress, etc.
- Be alert to and avoid potential or occurring distractions

Small Probe Spread Video



Small Probe Spread Video



Close Quarters Video

Video Learning Points

- Small civil courtroom
- Suspect, victim and witness very close
- Bailiff deploys X26 at very close range
 - Initially forgot to arm the X26
 - Avoids victim and witness
 - Suspect incapacitated and held until backup arrives
- Would baton or pepper spray have been a good option?

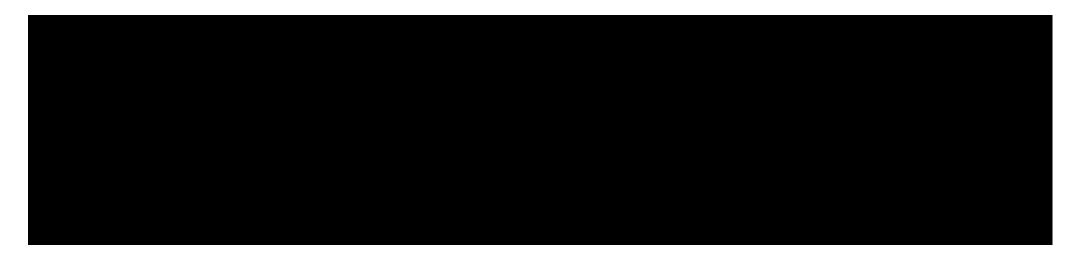
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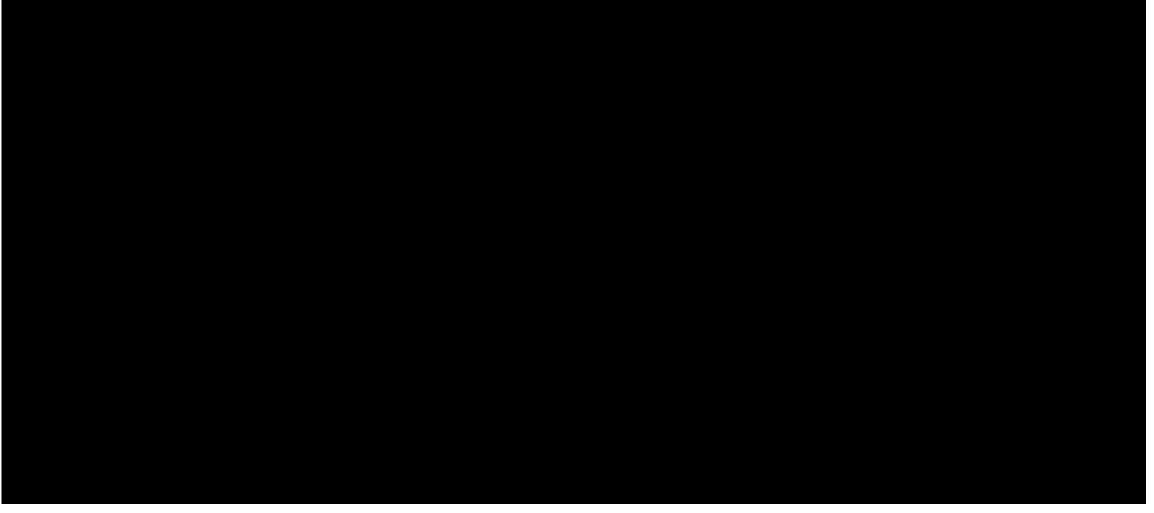
Some Causes of Limited Effectiveness

Look for a Change in Behavior

- Look AND listen when evaluating the effectiveness of a CEW deployment
 - Watch the subject's reaction
 - Look for a change in behavior



Open Circuit - Change in PPS



Intermittent Connection

Video Learning Points

Voluntary exposure in conjunction with CEW training

Spotters lower him immediately after the deployment,

Intermittent Connection



Contingencies

- CEW may have limited or no effect
- No weapon system will operate or be effective all of the time
- A CEW or cartridge may not fire or be effective
- Reload new cartridge and re-engage if legally justified (X26/P)
- Advance to next cartridge and re-engage (X2)
- Employ other force options, other alternatives, or disengage

Ineffective Front Shot Video

Video Learning Points

OC deployment prior to CEW usage failed to achieve compliance

- No discernable effect from CEW
- Officers transitioned to hands-on

Ineffective Front Shot



Flammability

Water Deployment Video

Video Learning Points



Water Deployment Video



Single Officer Deployment

Video Learning Points



Single Officer Deployment

Controlling/Cuffing Under Power

Control and Cuffing under power Video

Video Learning Points

- Subject with a knife
- Several Use of Force options back-up/cover officers
- TASER CEW deployed to subjects back area
- Controlled and cuffed under power

Control and Cuffing Under Power Video

Inmate Under Power Video

Video Learning Points

- Handcuff/Control officers readily available
- Good verbal communication

Inmate Under Power Video



Suicidal Subjects

- Follow your agency's policy and basic officer safety rules/training when dealing with suicidal subjects
- CEWs may be an effective way to deal with suicidal subjects
- Establish deadly-force cover as needed and available

Suicidal Subjects

The following video shows:

- A subject with a knife
- Several officers on scene
- Subject states
 "Do society a favor... shoot me."



Suicidal Subjects

Discussion Points

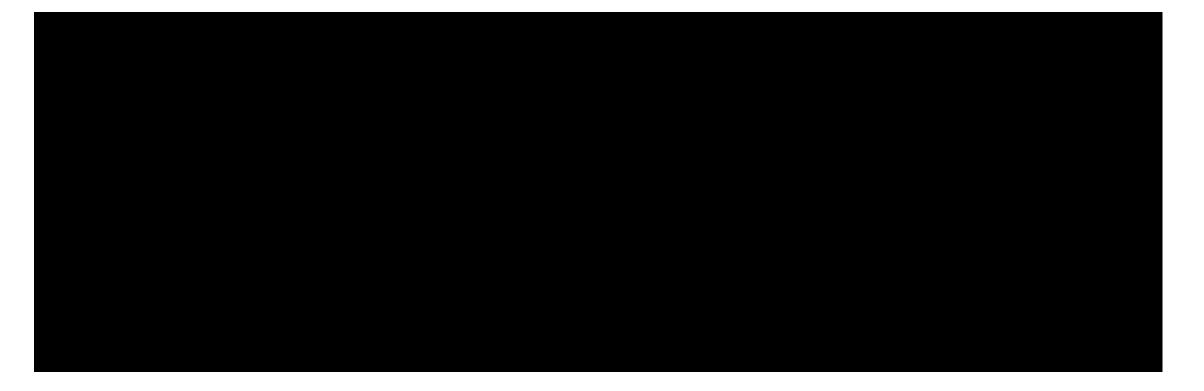
- Several Use of Force options back-up/cover officers
- Clear commands in attempt to de-escalate
- EMS on location

Drive-Stun

Drive-Stun Considerations



Probe Deployment vs Drive-Stun



Drive-Stun



Follow agency policy



Drive-Stun



Drive-Stun with Live Cartridge



Animals

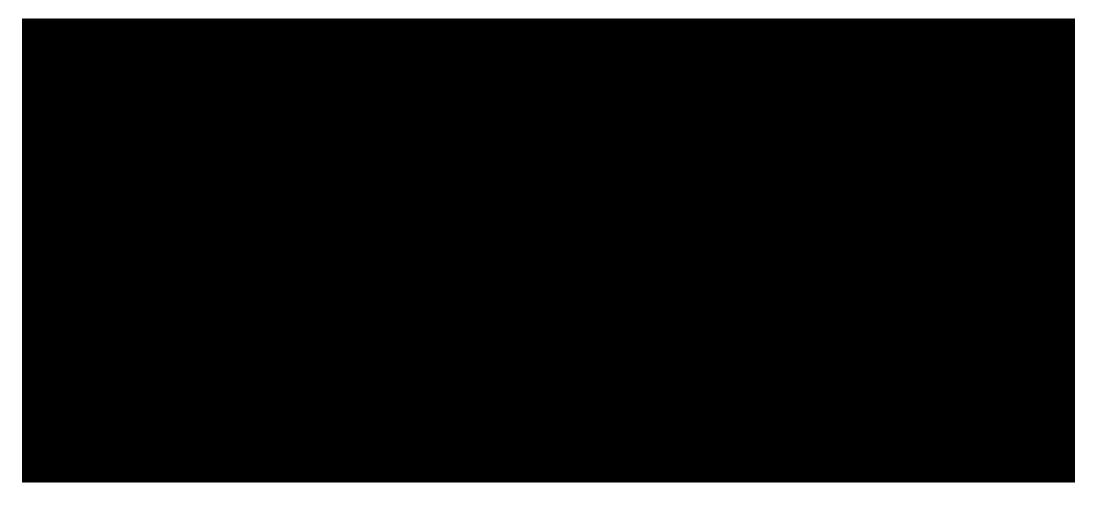
Effects on Animals

If CEWs are used on animals, consider having animal control stand by to apply a restraint during the cycle

Animal Use Video



Police/Military K-9 Caution



Post Incident

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- Record incident from officer's point of view
- Fully document
 - Subject's threats, behaviors, and actions
 - Each application of force
 - Each CEW trigger pull or 5-second discharge
 - Each injury or alleged injury

Post Incident

- Consider using your radio to establish record of significant events with dispatch time logs (call in):
 - Immediately at end of CEW use
 - Immediately upon subject being handcuffed
- Monitor subject's medical condition and report any changes
- As with any use of force, if subject is unresponsive, initiate EMS/CPR protocols

Probe Removal Policy Considerations

- May officers remove probes?
 - Common probe penetration
 - Sensitive location probe penetration
 - Uncommon probe penetration
- Proper handling of removed probes
 - Bio-hazard
 - Evidentiary value

Probe Removal Follow-up

- Note if probes penetrated skin
- Photographs of impact site and injuries
- Medical follow-up
- Ensure probe and barb are intact

Considerations for Handling Used Probes (Field Deployments)



Factors to be considered include:

- Unanticipated probe-related injury
- Probe in sensitive area
- Deeper embedment of probe due to movement, body position, or pressure on probe
- Evidence collection, proper storage, and retention*

Considerations for Handling Used Probes (Field Deployments & Training)



- Treat probes that have penetrated the body as contaminated needles (use gloves)
- Grab probe firmly and quickly pull (pluck) straight out (consistent with agency policy)
- Carefully place used probes sharp-tip first into either a sharps container or into the cartridge side wire pocket container, secure in place, and <u>place in a secure location</u> where no one will accidentally touch probes

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