

The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office

Conducted Electrical Weapon - TASER X2

Course Outline

(4 hour course)

Course Title:	Conducted Electrical Weapon "TASER X2" – Recertification Course
Course Goal:	To provide the basic operational theory and practical training to instruct users to safely and effectively operate TASER Conducted Electrical Weapons (CEWs).
Audience:	All personnel of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office who are authorized to carry a CEW.
Core Competencies:	Demonstrate proficient use of the TASER X2
Date:	03/31/2026
Total hours of Instruction:	2 hours
Location:	Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office, 5200 Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95062
Instructors:	Deputy Cruz, Deputy N. Engelhardt, Deputy J. Gonzalez
Mandated Training:	Yes
Method of presentation:	Interactive lecture and practical implementation

I. Course Objectives

This course will offer training to deputies to safely and effectively use/deploy the Taser X2 Conducted Electrical Weapon for purposes of deescalating potentially dangerous situations. *This course is only for deputies who have previously completed the New User Certification Course.*

Upon completion of the instruction, the students will be able to:

1. Understand acknowledge Office Policy regarding Taser deployment
2. Understand acknowledge Office Policy related to use of force
3. Review and Discuss Taser report form and report writing
4. Familiarization of Taser/cartridges nomenclature
5. Review and Discuss deployment of Taser X2
6. Review and Discuss target areas, probe placement, follow up actions after deployment
7. Review and Discuss current evidence collection procedures

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8. Review and Discuss critical incidents involving Taser

To complete this training users must:

1. Receive the current Annual CEW Update PowerPoint Presentation and any new Training Bulletins after its release date, including discussion of items in the instructor notes, drills and functional demonstrations.
2. Receive and review current Taser product warnings
3. Pass functional test and drills
4. Deploy 2 Taser live cartridges into preferred target zones

II. Orientation/Instructor/Overview

- a. Class Orientation
- b. Instructor Introductions
- c. Course Outline
- d. No end user exposures

III. Policy and Procedure Review

- a. Use of Force Policy
- b. Taser Policy

IV. Safety Plan

- a. Location of medical facilities
- b. Transportation methods (Via patrol car or ambulance depending on severity of injury)
- c. Identify a safety officer
- d. Rules of Safety and Conduct
 - i. No weapons will be allowed.
 - ii. All deputies will be checked prior to each scenario beginning
 - iii. Only SIM guns and Tasers provided by Taser Instructor Teams are to be used
 - iv. Scenarios are to be treated as real life situations with absolutely no "horse play" tolerated
- e. Reporting injuries, proper forms needed (worker comp)

V. Classroom Instruction (Power point Version 22)

- a. Introduction of course goals

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- i. Review of target location, their effects
- ii. Review of evidence collection procedures
- iii. Review of medical procedures after deployment of CEW
- iv. Review of pertinent information for reports
- b. Role of Taser within "Use of Force" policy
 - i. Discuss the role of the CEW as a tool to safely take suspect into custody
 - ii. Discuss the role as a less lethal form of force
 - iii. Discuss tactics when using the X2
- 1. Display vs. deployment
- 2. Spark display
- 3. Multiple CEW's on scene/deployed
- 4. Effective distance, probe spread
- 5. "Splitting the Horizon" probe placement above and below the waist
- 6. Use of cover and concealment

VI. Tactics to consider while using the X2

- 1. Solo Deputy vs. having a partner
- 2. Force options available
- 3. Your approach
- 4. Your display for purposes of compliance
- 5. Your concealment and/or cover
- 6. Your voice command presence
- 7. Clear and simple orders used for compliance
- 8. Your target areas based on conditions
- 9. High Risk subjects:
 - a. Known medical issues
 - b. Low BMI
 - c. Elder/juvenile
 - d. Pregnant
- 10. Subjects' environment and secondary injuries
 - a. Standing in water
 - b. Elevated positions
 - c. Jumping/running
- 11. Deployment of X2
- 12. Sounds to listen for, look for reaction
- 13. Follow actions as needed
 - a. Second deployment
 - b. Drive stun follow up

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- c. Reloads and redeployment

14. Plan to take into custody while under power

VII. Considerations after deployment

1. Take subject into custody safely
2. Advise supervisor
3. Render medical aid as needed
4. Evidence collection considerations

VIII. Evidence collection

1. Current procedure
2. Removal of probes by medical staff
3. Collection of all parts to remain intact
4. Photos of probe placement on target
5. Photos of injuries if any

IX. Considerations for reports

1. Taser terminology
2. Specific report forms

X. Legal Considerations

1. Case Law- Graham vs Connor (AB 392)
2. Armstrong vs Pinehurst
3. Penal Code 835
4. Reasonable force
5. Excessive Force

XII. Taser X2 Drills-minimum of 10 reps per student, and until instructor is satisfied with competency

6. Draw Drill
7. Warning Arc Drill
8. Aim Drill
9. Threat Drill
10. Re-energize Drill
11. Ineffective Deployment Drill

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XIII. Tactical Deployment

1. User will be tested on the application of what was instructed through deploying two CEW cartridges during tactical demonstrations.

- a. User will deploy one cartridge at target. Focus will be on target acquisition, announcement (TASER, TASER, TASER), warning spark and effective firing of CEW.

- b. User will deploy a second cartridge at target. Focus will be on transitioning to secondary cartridge bay, target acquisition, and effective firing of CEW.

- c. Instructors will have users vary targeting distances from 5 to 20 feet so users can see the effect of distance on target acquisition (probe spread).

- d. Users will demonstrate targeting suspect who is lying on the ground.

- e. Users will demonstrate the concept of applying a drive stun with a follow up contact using a dummy.

2. Scenario

User will encounter a person armed with a weapon other than a firearm and make the decision whether or not to deploy the Taser. Concepts of cover, distance, de-escalation, and lethal cover will be learned.

- ii. **Debrief deputies experience during practical deployment.**

Questions

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ALL TRAINING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AXON REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS.
ALL WARNINGS AND TESTS WILL BE OBTAINED FROM AXON PRIOR TO THE TRAINING. THE POWER
POINT WILL THE MOST CURRENT PROVIDED BY AXON. ALL INSTUCTORS ARE CURRENTLY CERTIFIED BY
AXON.