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REFRESHER TASER TRAINING 2 HOUR FORMAT

- A. OVERVIEW:** This class is a “Refresher” course and will cover the techniques for proper deployment of and certification of end users in the use of the TASER device(s).
- B. COURSE OBJECTIVES:** Given person(s) to be retrained with a lesson plan, instruct person(s) in the proper deployment and safety of the TASER X26. Without the aid of references, in accordance with the detailed lesson plan and manual, a certified trained user will accomplish the following:
1. Pass the written test and demonstrate sufficient proficiency in the function and use of the TASER device(s).
 2. Understand how the TASER device(s) overrides and controls the sensory and motor functions of the nervous systems of a combative, or passively resistant, subject.
 3. Know proper finger position for aiming and firing.
 4. Be able to reload in a safe and proper manner.
 5. Control unit adequately when commanded “Arm – Spark – Safe” at random (understands safety switch and trigger fully).
 6. Know when the TASER device is armed and ready to deploy.
 7. Know how to properly check battery pulse rate, remove and reinstall batteries correctly.
 8. Know how to utilize the laser and fixed sights.
 9. Understanding of probe placement and ballistics.
 10. For TASER certification.
 - a. Draw TASER device and hit target at 8 feet, reload, and hit 2nd target at 12 feet with laser sight (time limit 10 seconds).

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C. METHOD / MEDIA: This class will be taught by the lecture / demonstration / scenario method.

D. EVALUATION: Topics from this class will be evaluated via written tests and via performance checklist during the practical applications conducted during the class.

COURSE TIME: User Re-Certification Course: 2 hours minimum.

CERTIFICATION: User certification is valid for one year.

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I. COURSE INTRODUCTION / ORIENTATION / SAFETY RULES

A. Course Introduction and Orientation

1. Instructor
2. Class will be instructed using the current TASER version curriculum.
3. Goal = To provide the theory and practical training necessary to effectively instruct users to safely and effectively operate the TASER X26 electronic control device (ECD).

B. TASER Safety Rules

1. The safety switch of all TASER devices will remain in the down (SAFE) position unless the instructor directs students to arm the device or when it is appropriate to do so during a training scenario.
2. TASER devices shall not be pointed at any person unless the instructor directs students to do so as part of a training exercise or when it is appropriate to do so during a training scenario.
3. No live firearms will be brought into the training area.
4. Lasers shall not be shined into anyone's eyes.
5. Probes will be removed according to proper protocol.
6. All activity will stop when any student or instructor calls, "Stop action!" or "Cease fire!"
7. Every participant is a safety officer. All unsafe conditions will be immediately brought to the attention of the instructor. If an unsafe condition occurs or is noticed during an exercise, the student or instructor observing the unsafe condition shall call, "Stop action!" or "Cease fire!"
8. TASER devices can temporarily incapacitate target and can cause injury.

II. TASER TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW

A. Electronic Control Devices (ECD)

1. Effects of the TASER device(s) on the central nervous system, sensory nervous system, and the motor nervous system.
2. Differences in pain compliance and incapacitation.

B. Electrical Overview

1. Differences between voltage, amps, and joules.
2. Amps, joules, and voltage output of the TASER device(s), and why it is a safe weapon.
3. Electricity must be able to flow between the probes or the electrodes, follows the path of least resistance, will not pass to others in contact with the subject unless contact is made directly between or on the probes, can arc through clothing and some bullet resistant material, and exposure to water will not cause electrocution or increase the power to the exposed subject.

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C. Medical

1. TASER devices are among the most extensively studied weapons.
2. There is no negative effect of the TASER device when used on subjects with implanted cardiac devices or pacemakers.
3. Over 250,000 human volunteer exposures. 99% of all volunteers were incapacitated.
4. Effects of the TASER may include stress caused by pain, minor skin irritation or injury, temporary blisters, redness or minor bleeding if probes puncture skin, and possible physical exertion type injuries.

D. Weapons Safety

1. Assume Device is Loaded. Always assume that a TASER device is loaded.
2. Do Not Touch Trigger Until Ready to Use. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to fire.
3. Keep Body Parts Away. Keep your hands and body parts away from the front of the TASER cartridge.
4. Avoid Static Electricity Discharge. Avoid contact between static electricity and the TASER cartridge since static electricity can cause unexpected discharge and injury.

E. TASER X26 Nomenclature / Functions / Operations

1. Nomenclature
2. Shaped pulse technology
3. Incapacitation Rating – MDU
4. Digital Pulse Controller (DPC)
5. Batteries: DPM / XDPM
6. Digital Memory
7. Spark Tests
8. Ambidextrous Safety
9. Central Information Display (CID)
10. Illumination Button
11. Cartridges = 21ft. / 25ft.
12. Probe Spread = 1ft. spread for every 7 feet of travel
13. TASER cartridge / darts / wires / AFIDs

III. AGENCY POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Use-of-Force Policy

1. Reasonable Force
2. Penal Code 835(a)
3. Factors Used to Determine the Reasonableness of Force
4. Non-Deadly Force Applications

B. TASER Use-of-Force Guidelines

1. Carrying the TASER
2. Verbal and Visual Warnings
3. Use of the TASER
4. Multiple Applications of the TASER
5. Report of Use
6. Medical Treatment

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7. Training
8. Flammability
9. Tactical Considerations

C. Case Law / Liability Issues

1. Use on pregnant woman
2. Violation of rights
3. Appropriate use of force – Traffic Stop
4. Appropriate use of force – Handcuffed Person
5. Multiple Discharges
6. TASER vs. other Less Lethal options

IV. TASER X26 MAINTENANCE

A. Maintenance and Care

1. Check batteries / DPM regularly.
2. Always store X26 with DPM inserted.
3. Secure in protective holster, when not in use, not in pockets.
4. Occasionally wipe out the TASER Cartridge firing bay with dry cloth for carbon build-up.
5. Use PDI Super Sani-Cloth to wipe down any X26 that gets contaminated by any body fluids.

B. Dropped or Wet TASER

1. Avoid dropping – sensitive, electronic device – similar care of a cell phone
2. Avoid exposing X26 to excessive moisture
3. If completely submerged, return to TASER Int'l.

V. TASER X26 TRAINING DRILLS

A. Training Drills

1. Safety Switch / Spark Drill
2. Aiming/holster Drill (Dry Fire)
3. Loading Cartridges

B. Live Fire Training Drills

1. Live Fire – 8 feet
2. Tactical Reloading
3. Live Fire – 12 feet

VI. CONCLUSION & TEST

A. Written Tests

1. TASER X26 written test.
2. TASER X26 nomenclature test.

B. Live Fire Drills

1. Hit target at 8 feet and 12 feet.
2. Demonstrate proficiency in reloading.