

# CEW Incident Reporting Form

**To be completed by each officer displaying or deploying a CEW**

1. Date, time, location (city, town, or village) of use of conducted electrical weapon (CEW).

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2. ~~Case number~~ \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Name of officer(s) using CEW(s) and department(s), as well as other officers present.~~ \_\_\_\_\_

3. If the subject was an animal (other than a human), check "Animal" below and complete only Questions ~~11-12, and 21 (omitting Q. 18).~~

~~a~~Animal

4. Sex of subject:  ~~m~~Male  ~~f~~Female.

5. Perceived race of subject:  Caucasian;  Black or African-American;  Asian;  Hispanic or Latino;  Native American.

6. Age of subject (if unknown, approximate): \_\_\_\_\_.

7. ~~Before deployment, did~~ Did you have reason to believe the subject ~~was~~ is a member of a special population? If so, check all that apply. ~~(if none apply, complete only Questions 12-21):-~~

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| <input type="checkbox"/> pregnant;                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <del>traumatic brain injury</del>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> elderly (over 55);                     | <input type="checkbox"/> emotional crisis to extent subject may have had difficulty understanding requests or orders; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> child (under 16);                      | <input type="checkbox"/> epilepsy/seizure disorder/heart condition;   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> low body-mass index (thin) individual; | <input type="checkbox"/> deaf/hard of hearing;  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disability;                            | <input type="checkbox"/> low vision/blind;  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mental health condition;               |   |

~~developmental/intellectual disability;~~  none

~~traumatic brain injury (TBI);~~

8. If any box ~~(other than "none")~~ was checked in Q. #7, how did you obtain information leading to your belief the subject was a member of a special population? Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> subject notified officer;             | <input type="checkbox"/> dispatch notified officer;      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> civilian witnesses notified officer;  | <input type="checkbox"/> personal perception of subject. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> professional witness notified officer |  |

9. ~~Did you or others at the scene attempt to contact mental health care or developmental disability professionals for assistance regarding the subject prior to, during, or directly after the use of the CEW?~~  
 ~~yes~~  ~~no~~ If "yes," who was contacted, when, and by whom?

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10. ~~If you answered "yes" to Q. 9, what was the outcome of that attempt to contact mental health care or developmental disability professionals? Check all that apply:~~

- ~~contact assisted to resolve the situation more promptly or with less coercion than without contact;~~  
 ~~contact did not result in any positive or helpful impact on the situation;~~  
 ~~contact provided limited positive or helpful impact on the situation;~~  
 ~~contact was attempted but no one could be reached;~~  
 ~~the intervention (of mh/dd professionals) helped reduce the time officers had to be at the scene;~~  
 ~~the intervention helped avoid involuntary placement in detention or emergency department;~~  
 ~~the intervention helped provide appropriate follow-up and service provision;~~  
 ~~the intervention was ineffective.~~

**Comment [GR1]:** We should either eliminate this line or re-word it, given that we're asking about outcomes, including displays (which we view as distinct from deployments)

**Comment [A2]:** I may have been misunderstanding the use of the term "deployment" in relation to CEWs. I thought "deployment" applied to any time an officer pulled the weapon from its holster.

**Comment [GR3R2]:** We make a distinction between display, which involves pulling the weapon from the holster (at which point many subjects cease resistance), and deployment, which is the actual usage. It's language the officers are familiar with, so we should be consistent.

**Comment [A4]:** Got it. I'm going through and using either the generic "use of CEW" or "display or deployment" when necessary to be clear what is meant. So, I've made changes to sub-hed, Q. 1, and Q. 10,

**Comment [GR5]:** For Questions 7, 8, and 16, I'd suggest each checkbox be on a separate line, or at least, no more than two to a line, similar to Question 13.

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**Comment [A6]:** See if the re-arranging I've done works, Rick, or if you think Q. 7 still needs more differentiation. I'm trying to keep the form as short as possible, line-wise. But that shouldn't stand in the way of clarity.

**Comment [GR7R6]:** I think it works. Is there any way to form them in columns?

**Comment [A8R7]:** I've converted to columns in Q. 7, 8, and 10. See what you think.

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11. Was the Act 80 training you received (dealing with people undergoing a mental health issue) useful in dealing with this incident?  yes  no  n/a

129. To the best of your knowledge, was the person under the influence of alcohol or other drugs at the time of the event?  yes  no  unknown

130. Decision to use CEW based on:

- active aggression of subject;
- active resistance of subject; with injuries to others or subject likely to occur;

anticipated injuries to subject, officer, or others at scene.

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Comment [GR9]: Should include 'officer' here

144. Use of CEW (check all that apply):

- display;
- probes shot, and if so, and where probes hit subject;

drive stun mode, and if so number of cycles and where CEW was held against subject's body;

Comment [GR10]: A CEW can only be fired once, so what we're really asking is if more than one officer fired a CEW. Should reword this for clarity.

Comment [A11]: I thought an officer could insert a new cartridge in the weapon just fired, and re-fire. Is that not correct? I didn't mention if other officers fired because any other officer firing a CEW would file his/her own report.

Comment [GR12R11]: Generally speaking, incidents unfold so quickly that there really isn't an opportunity to reload the CEW. It's either effective, or the officer has to move on to some other use of force, if there isn't another officer with a CEW present.

Comment [A13R12]: OK, I'll take out reference to repeated firings. I could have sworn, though, that I've read of incidents where a second cartridge was loaded and shot. If I find one, I'll send it to you.

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152. What was the subject's response to the use of the CEW?

- Subject was compliant directly after use of CEW;
- Subject was not compliant directly after use of CEW, requiring additional force;
- CEW failed; subject had to be handled through other means. State reason for failure if known.

1316. Was any other force used in addition to the CEW? Check all that apply:

- OC or other chemical
- Firearm
- Physical force
- Baton
- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

Was this additional use of force before or after use of the CEW?  Before  After

174. Was medical assistance to the subject provided by officer and/or paramedics or other emergency or health care professionals following the use of the CEW?  yes  no  
If "yes," who provided what assistance?  
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15. Did you or others at the scene attempt to contact mental health care or developmental disability professionals for assistance regarding the subject prior to, during, or directly after the use of the CEW?  
 yes  no If "yes," who was contacted, when, and by whom?  
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16. If you answered "yes" to Question 15, what was the outcome of that attempt to contact mental health care or developmental disability professionals? Check all that apply:  
 contact assisted to resolve the situation more promptly or with less coercion than without contact;  
 contact did not result in any positive or helpful impact on the situation;  
 contact provided limited positive or helpful impact on the situation;  
 contact was attempted but no one could be reached;  
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 the intervention helped avoid involuntary placement in detention or emergency department;  
 the intervention helped provide appropriate follow-up and service provision;  
 the intervention was ineffective.

187. Was the subject charged?  yes  no  
If "yes," what charge(s)?  
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198. Check any box below relating to noteworthy details not already described:  
 incident occurred on an elevated location such as a roof, stairs, or bridge;  
 subject was near or in water at time of incident;  
 subject was wearing heavy clothes;  
 subject was more than 25 feet away when Taser probe shot;  
 subject was fleeing when Taser probe shot.

2049. Was a body cam, dashboard cam, or any other recording device running at the time of the incident?  
 yes  no If "yes," which device? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Was the Act 80 training you received (dealing with people undergoing a mental health issue) useful in dealing with this incident?  yes  no

21. If you have received "Team Two" training, was that useful?  
 yes  no  n/a

212. CEW model and serial number. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of officer (s), and date:  
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**Comment [GR14]:** Somewhere in either 11 or 12, we should leave room for the officer to report if there was a CEW failure and why

**Comment [A15]:** Do the additions in Q. 11 and 12 work? Is the one in Q. 12 unnecessary?

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**Comment [A16]:** OK, got rid of failure option in Q. 11, added a line to note "reason for failure" in Q. 12.

**Comment [GR17]:** Do we want to ask if this additional use of force was prior to or after CEW display/deployment?

**Comment [GR18]:** Switch positions with 'baton' and 'other', to give the officer more room for a description

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*Note: Typed signature will be considered a bona fide signature.*

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