



Use of Force Recommendation 28

*Reiterate in Policy that All Subjects Exposed
to Electronic Control Weapon Receive
Medical Evaluation*



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Highlights

- Reiterate in *Use of Force Policy*:
 - *Subjects who have been exposed to an Conducted Energy Weapon application receive a medical evaluation by:*
 - *Emergency medical responders or;*
 - *At a medical facility*

*PERF makes note that this information is in the *Conducted Energy Weapon Policy*, but suggests it also be placed in the general *Use of Force Policy*.*

Current Policy

DPM 2.1.35, Conducted Energy Weapon

Post Deployment Procedures: Medical Assistance

- *As soon as it can be done safely, members shall have medical personnel examine any subject exposed to a CEW activation.*

DPM 2.1.5, Use of Force

Medical Treatment After Use of Force

- *Ensure medical treatment is provided when appropriate.*
- *Prior to booking or release, medical assistance shall be obtained for:*
 - *Any person who has sustained visible injury; or*
 - *Expressed a complaint of injury or continuing pain; or*
 - *Has been rendered unconscious.*

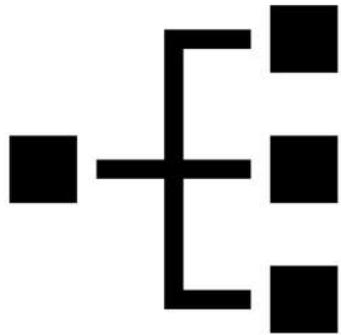


Gap Analysis

- Recommendation
 - Include specific information reference medical evaluation after TASER application in the general Use of Force Policy.
- Current Policies
 - This is mentioned in one policy but not another.
 - Use of Force policy reference to medical treatment may have a different meaning than PERF's recommendation.

Reference #1

PERF Electronic Control Weapon Guidelines (2011)



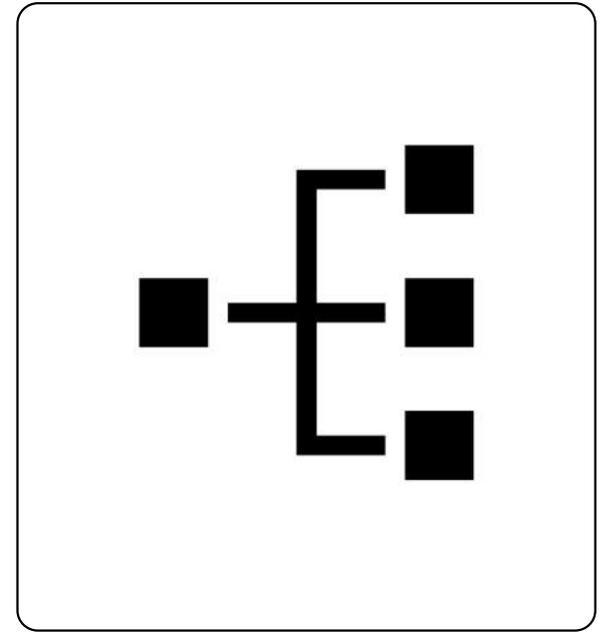
- ✓ All subjects who have been exposed to ECW application should receive a medical evaluation by emergency medical responders in the field or at a medical facility.
- Subjects who have been exposed to prolonged application (i.e., more than 15 seconds) should be transported to an emergency department for evaluation.
- Personnel conducting the medical evaluation should be made aware that the suspect has experienced ECW activation, so they can better evaluate the need for further medical treatment.
- All subjects who have received an ECW application should be monitored regularly while in police custody even if they received medical care. Documentation of the ECW exposure should accompany the subject when transferred to jail personnel or until the subject is released from police custody.

Reference #2

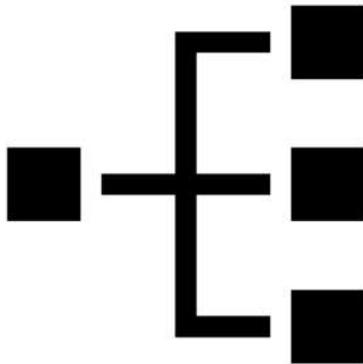
IACP Model ECW Policy

Officers shall request emergency medical response if any of the following occurs:

- ✓ The subject requests medical attention.
- ✓ A probe has contacted a sensitive area.
- ✓ There is difficulty removing the probes.
- ✓ The subject does not appear to be recovering in a manner consistent with training and experience.
- ✓ The subject is part of an elevated risk population group.
- ✓ The subject has been exposed to more than three ECW cycles or 15 seconds of discharge.
- ✓ The subject has been simultaneously exposed to the effects of more than one ECW device.
- ✓ The subject has exhibited signs of excited delirium as described in training, prior to or during ECW exposure.



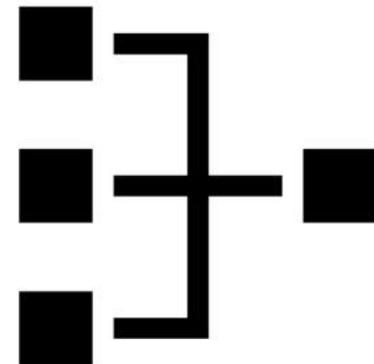
Pros



- We agree individuals who have received an CEW deployment should be afforded medical evaluation and this should be in policy.
- The expanded policy will remove the officer's interpretation of "Ensure medical treatment is provided when appropriate."
- If something is mission critical, it is worth repeating (or at least including in two separate policies).

Cons

- ❑ IACP recommends a Use of Force policy should be short and simple, to aid officer in recall, when making decisions.
- ❑ This medical aid information is better suited in the Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) policy and to be included both in initial training & refresher training.



Proposed Action

- *Incorporation PERF's recommendation by adding identical language from the **CEW Policy DPM 2.1.35** to the **Use of Force Policy 2.1.5***
 - *"As soon as it can be done safely, members shall have medical personnel examine any subject exposed to a CEW activation."*
- *Leave the current **CEW Policy** untouched.*
- *Outcome: Identical language found in two places.*



Discussion