

National City Police Department



Taser Training

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REQUIRED TASER TRAINING:

A classroom session involving the review of the most recent Taser PowerPoint developed by Axon for annual recertification. The Taser ECW policy will be discussed in the classroom. Officers will also be required to perform a spark test with their Department assigned Taser.

DATE(S):

The date and schedule for the training will be developed by the Range Master.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

Officers are required to bring their Taser and Taser holster. Firearms will be not be allowed outside of their holsters during this training. If officers carry the Taser on another part of their equipment, such as a leg holster, they must bring it.

Instructors will bring the following:

- The Range Flash Drive containing the most recent Annual Taser ("ECW") Recertification PowerPoint
- Classroom with Computer and projector
- Taser X26P and X26 replacement batteries
- Taser replacement cartridges
- Taser Sign-In Training Roster
- The most current documents:
 - Taser CEW Use Guidelines
 - LE Warnings

TASERS:

Instructors will record each officer's Taser serial number in writing and indicate whether the Taser was fully operational at the time of the training. Each officer's cartridge will be inspected to verify it is not expired. If expired, a new cartridge will be provided. All Taser batteries will be verified and replaced if below 20 percent.

AMMUNITION/NUMBER OF ROUNDS:

No Taser cartridges will be deployed during this training period.

TARGETS:

None

LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

Classroom lighting

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

The use of eye protection is mandatory and may be provided when/in the event any Taser cartridges are deployed. Officers are encouraged to bring their own eye protection. The Taser instructors will review the following safety rules.

TASER Training Safety Rules

- 1. All Tasers will remain in their holsters in the OFF status unless told to remove them by an instructor.**
- 2. Lasers will not be pointed at anyone (officers/instructors) during the training event.**
- 3. Officers will keep their fingers off the Taser trigger until ready to fire during training**
- 4. Never point any less than lethal weapon at anything/anyone unless the intent is to use force**
- 5. Be aware of the target, backstop and beyond.**
- 6. Everyone is a range safety officer.**
- 7. All expended cartridges (probes and wires) will be treated with caution**

There will be at least one portable handheld radio at the range during the training course. It will be monitored by NCPD dispatch and will be set to our primary channel, Dispatch-1.

FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS WILL ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- Instructors will bring all of the required equipment outlined in this lesson plan
- All officers being trained wear the outlined equipment in this lesson plan
- Each Taser will be carefully inspected to ensure it operates properly, serial numbers will be verified and written down before the training commences
- Safety rules are reviewed, discussed, and enforced during the training event
- All of the PowerPoint, discussion, and scenarios are completed as outlined

CLASSROOM / POWERPOINT

All of the listed handouts will be provided to each officer at the beginning of the training. Officers will be informed to read the handouts and made aware they will be accountable for knowing the information contained in the handouts. The information, along with the National City Police Department Operating Procedure 113 will be discussed during the classroom PowerPoint discussion.

The instructor will review all of the material contained in the most recent Annual Taser Conducted Electrical Weapon ("CEW") User Recertification PowerPoint. The instructor will facilitate a classroom discussion based upon the material contained in the PowerPoint and NCPD Operating Procedure 113. This PowerPoint was created by Taser and was not modified.

TASER SPARK TEST DRILL

Officers will be required to perform a spark test in the following manner:

1. Remove the Taser from their holster
2. Remove the cartridge from the working end of the Taser
3. Remove any backup cartridges from the stock of the Taser
4. All cartridges will be placed on a table with the blast-doors facing down
5. Point the Taser at the target (provided by the instructor)
6. Turn on the Taser and press the trigger
7. Ensure the Taser functions properly
 - a. Taser has a spark
 - b. Laser functions properly
 - c. LCD display works and shows a countdown
 - d. There are no critical or major faults
 - e. The battery is properly charged
8. PERFORM ARC WARNING
9. Turn off the Taser before replacing cartridges

END OF TASER TRAINING

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This document is not needed if class registered in Axon Academy (email training@taser.com for details)

TASER® CEW User Applicant Certification Form New User Certification

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Which CEWs were you certified on (Check all that apply): M26 X26 X26P X2 X3

Name: _____ Agency: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Address/State/Zip: _____

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge receipt of TASER's Product Warnings. I understand that I must Read and understand these warnings PRIOR to participating in any hands-on CEW drills required by this certification Course.

Student Signature: (Required) _____

TASER Instructor Use Only

Instructor is required to verify that applicant has successfully completed all CEW User Certification requirements.

_____ Test must be completed with score of 100% (remediate as needed)

N/A Completed TASER CEW online course

_____ Review entire Version 21 User Certification Course PowerPoint Presentation(s) & training bulletins
(if applicable) N/A Completed TASER CEW online course

_____ Demonstrate safe handling of CEW to include: proper finger positioning, aiming and deploying at preferred target area and while loading / unloading

_____ Deploy a minimum of 2 live cartridges (for each weapon certification), placing both probes in preferred target zones

_____ Perform a proper warning ARC (Safety warning: remove cartridge from X26P before conducting Arc warning)

_____ (X2 & X3) Utilize the ARC switch to re-energize deployed probes

I hereby certify that the above-named applicant has satisfactorily completed all components of the TASER User Certification training program and is hereby certified as a user of this system for one year.

Attested by Certifying Instructor: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Date: _____ Location of Training: _____

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TASER® Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs)

Part 1: User Certification Test

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Name: _____ New Certification / Recertification

Agency: _____

Training Date: _____ Location: _____

1. The Nervous System consists of the following:
 - a) Central Nervous System - Command Center (brain and spinal cord)
 - b) Motor Nervous System – Carries commands from the brain to muscles (NMI systems affect BOTH the Sensory and Motor Nerves)
 - c) Sensory Nervous System – Brings information into the brain (affected by stun systems)
 - d) All of the above
2. In considering the use of a CEW:
 - a) Do not use for verbal defiance
 - b) Do not use for belligerence
 - c) Do not use for punishment
 - d) Do not use for horse play
 - e) All of the above
3. The preferred target areas for CEW exposure are:
 - a) Lower center mass (below chest or area of the heart) and legs for front exposure
 - b) Below the neck area for back exposures
 - c) Anywhere on the person's body
 - d) a and b
 - e) a and b (with the back being the most preferred area)
4. As with any use of force, the longer the CEW exposure the greater the risk of potential cumulative physiologic, metabolic, and other effects.
 - a) True
 - b) False
5. The officer should avoid intentionally targeting the CEW on sensitive areas of the body such as the head, throat, breast, chest (area of the heart), genitals, or known pre-existing injury areas without legal justification.
 - a) True
 - b) False
6. Probe deployments are more desirable/effective than drive stuns (other than 3-point deployments).
 - a) True
 - b) False
7. The further a CEW exposure is away from the heart and the fewer CEW cycles applied the greater the safety margin for the CEW affecting the heart.
 - a) True
 - b) False

8. Controlling/Cuffing under power during the "window of opportunity" can reduce the need for repeated or extended CEW exposures.
 - a) True
 - b) False

9. TASER CEWs are serious weapons and are to be treated as such at all times.
 - a) True
 - b) False

10. When deploying probes to the front of a person's body, the CEW should generally be aimed:
 - a) At the face
 - b) At the chest or area of the heart
 - c) At the waist area to split the beltline
 - d) At the throat
 - e) At the head

11. The risk of a CEW causing or contributing to a person's cardiac arrest is:
 - a) Zero
 - b) Very high
 - c) High
 - d) Higher than the risk of death or serious injury from a firearm
 - e) Very low

12. An officer's use of force must be objectively reasonable under the totality of circumstances as reasonably perceived by the officer at the moment the force is used.
 - a) True
 - b) False

13. When reasonable, Smart Use Considerations include:
 - a) Use the minimum force necessary to accomplish lawful objectives
 - b) Use force only on those "actively resisting" or higher
 - c) Give a verbal warning before the use of force
 - d) Give subjects a reasonable opportunity to comply before force is used or repeated
 - e) Immediately cease any force once a subject is under control
 - f) All of the above

14. Experts have identified the following key factors related to CEW cardiac risks:
 - a) Dart-to-heart distances
 - b) Amount of delivered electrical charge
 - c) Dart anywhere on a person's body
 - d) A and B

15. The term currently used by TASER Training to describe the incapacitating effects of a CEW is:
 - a) Electro-muscular disruption (EMD)
 - b) Neuro-muscular incapacitation (NMI)
 - c) Neuro-muscular disruption (NMD)
 - d) Electro-muscular incapacitation (EMI)

16. When using the CEW in Drive-Stun Mode:
- Follow agency policy
 - Use care when applying the drive stun to the neck or groin
 - Stay away from the trachea, the back of the neck, and the genitals
 - All of the above
17. During CEW voluntary exposures which of the following are required safety rules?
- Always use two spotters when volunteer is standing
 - Spotters must hold volunteers closely under the armpit to stabilize the shoulder and upper arm
 - The volunteer should be safely supported and carefully lowered to the ground
 - All of the above
18. The handheld electronic weapons manufactured by Axon (formerly TASER) are referred to as:
- Electronic Control Weapons
 - Shock devices
 - Conducted Energy Weapons
 - Conducted Energy Devices
20. A pre-shift 5-second CEW spark/functionality test is recommended to:
- Ensure the CEW is sparking and functioning properly
 - Create muscle memory
 - Practice drawing and holstering the CEW
 - Teach proper CEW safety
21. TASER Training does not set use-of-force policies, general orders, or procedures
- True
 - False
22. Activated CEWs can ignite:
- Gasoline and gasoline vapors
 - Butane
 - Some personal defense sprays
 - Some hair sprays or gels
 - All of the above
23. A CEW application on a person can cause physiologic or metabolic effects, including, but not limited to, changes in:
- Blood Chemistry
 - Heart rate, and rhythm
 - Blood pressure
 - Respiration
 - Adrenaline and Stress hormones
 - All of the above

24. Some examples of persons who are at an elevated risk of secondary effects from a CEW exposure include:
- a) Running persons
 - b) Persons in elevated positions
 - c) Persons in a flammable environment
 - d) All of the above
25. When considering the use of force, when reasonable:
- a) Give subjects a reasonable opportunity to comply before force is used or repeated
 - b) Use pain compliance even if pain is reasonably foreseeably ineffective
 - c) Immediately cease any force once a subject is under control
 - d) Continue to use force once a subject has surrendered or is captured, handcuffed, and controlled
 - e) A & C
26. An officer should avoid repeated or continuous CEW exposures unless necessary to counter immediate threat
- a) True
 - b) False
27. Post CEW use, as with all force options, officers should monitor the subject and initiate EMS/CPR protocol if subject becomes unresponsive.
- a) True
 - b) False
28. TASER does **NOT** require a CEW exposure for instructor or user certification.
- a) True
 - b) False
29. Axon Evidence (Evidence.com) is a program offered by Axon that allows agencies:
- a) Access CEW firing records
 - b) Cloud storage solution
 - c) Assign CEWs to individual users
 - d) All of the above
30. Use the shortest duration of CEW exposure objectively reasonable to accomplish lawful objectives, and reassess the subject's behavior before repeating or continuing the exposure.
- a) True
 - b) False

V21 TASER CEW User Certification and Annual Re-Certification Requirements

To fulfill Axon Enterprise, Inc.'s (TASER Training Department) requirements for TASER® Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) user certification or annual recertification, the currently certified TASER Instructor (Instructor) must fully comply with TASER's *Training Materials Licensing Agreement* and the requirements below when conducting the user course and certifying or annually recertifying the user. These requirements assist in forming the basis for reasonably safe and effective CEW use.

This document sets forth three separate CEW user requirements:

1. Initial TASER CEW User Certification Requirements.
2. Immediate Distribution Requirement of all TASER training bulletins and warnings to all CEW users.
3. TASER CEW User Annual Recertification Requirements.

TASER CEW User Initial Certification and Annual Recertification Requirements:

1. **72 Hours Prior Review/Utilize the Most Current TASER Course Documents.**
Go to <https://www.axon.com/training/resources> and review, download, print (as required for the course), and utilize the most current versions of the:
 - a. Proper PowerPoint® presentation, including videos and all updates;
 - b. Training Bulletins since the last TASER training version release;
 - c. Law enforcement Product Warnings; and
 - d. Instructor and User: Warnings, Risks, Release & Indemnification Agreement (the "Release").
2. **Prepare Course Documents.** Have all documentation for class ready, including a copy of each of the following documents for each student:
 - a. Applicable PowerPoint presentation;
 - b. The Release (Only students receiving an exposure need to sign the Release, prior to taking the exposure);
 - c. Law Enforcement Product Warnings;
 - d. TASER CEW User Certification Form (all students must sign); and
 - e. Course tests:
 - Part 1 – CEW User Certification Test;
 - Part 2 – Specific CEW Model User Certification Test; and
 - Part 3 – (Optional/encouraged) U.S. Basic Legal CEW User Certification Test.
 - f. Your agency's use of force, CEW, and other related policies and procedures (optional, encouraged);
3. **Comply with CEW User Certification Requirements.** Below are the requirements that must be completed by each student to be certified as either a new or annually recertified TASER Certified User. Agencies may also choose, at their discretion, to distribute and/or review their Use of Force, CEW, and related policies and procedures with students and provide a legal review of CEW usage within the jurisdiction.

The TASER Certified User Certificate Template is available to print and provide to students as documentation of their course attendance and certification. The template is included with TASER's training materials in the "Certification Requirements and Forms" folder.

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New CEW User Certification*	
Complete minimum of 6 hours of instruction	The user must complete a minimum of 6 hours of instruction with a currently certified Instructor. Coursework must include the current TASER User PowerPoint, updates, warnings, and Release; and include discussion of items in the instructor notes, drills, and functional demonstrations.
Receive and review the current TASER Law Enforcement Product Warnings	
Receive, review, sign and KEEP on file the current Exposure Release Form (for students taking an exposure).	
Pass Written Examinations	User must pass written examinations with a score of 100%, after remedial training.
Pass Functional Test	User must pass all functional tests listed on the TASER User Certification Form.
Deploy 2 TASER live CEW cartridges into preferred target zones	Each student must deploy a minimum of 2 cartridges to demonstrate familiarity with CEW functions and to test aptitude. The student must be able to contact the target and place both probes in the preferred target zones from various distances while under stress. Students who do not hit the target within the preferred target zones should complete aiming drills and deploy again. Users should not be qualified until they have passed firing tests. The use of simulator systems does not fulfill this 2-cartridge firing requirement.

**User certification is valid for a calendar year. For example, if they certified March 11 of 2018, they'd be required to recertify sometime in 2019, up to December 31 of 2019. However, as new User Update PowerPoint presentations, training bulletins, and product warnings are released by TASER, they must be immediately distributed to all persons authorized to use a CEW. This distribution is in addition to the Annual CEW User Recertification Requirements.*

Annual Recertification of CEW Users	
Review the current Annual CEW User Update PowerPoint Presentation and any new Training Bulletins after its release date, including discussion of items in the instructor notes, drills, and functional demonstrations.	
Receive and review the current TASER Law Enforcement Product Warnings	
Receive, review, sign and KEEP on file the current Exposure Release form (if taking an exposure).	
Pass Functional Test	User must pass all functional tests listed on the TASER User Certification Form.
Deploy 2 TASER live CEW cartridges into preferred target zones	The student must deploy 2 live cartridges to both re-familiarize the student with CEW functions and to test aptitude. These can be any TASER cartridge that fires two probes with conductive wires attached (including expired date cartridges), fired at a target, or blue (LS) simulation cartridges used in conjunction with the simulation suit. The student must be able to contact the target with both probes in the preferred target zones from various distances while under stress. Students who do not hit the target within the preferred target zones should complete aiming drills and deploy again. End users should not be qualified until they have passed this two-cartridge firing tests. The use of simulator systems does not fulfill this 2-cartridge firing requirement.

- 4. Document Training.** Agency should collect and maintain all documentation concerning the training, including keeping a copy of each CEW user's Certification Form, Tests, and the Release Form in department records to validate certification. The TASER Training Department does **not** track User certifications and will return or shred (without notice) any user certification applications or other documentation or materials received.

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Part 2: X26P Certification Test

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Name: _____ New Certification / Recertification

Agency: _____

Training Date: _____ Location: _____

1. The X26P power source is called a Performance Power Magazine or PPM. There are several versions of the PPM available.
 - a. True
 - b. False

2. The Automatic-Shutdown Performance Power Magazine (APPM) automatically stops the TASER _____ even if the trigger is held down.
 - a. True
 - b. False

3. When the X26P CID displays a Critical Fault icon, the X26P must be removed from service immediately and returned to TASER for repair.
 - a. True
 - b. False

4. The X26P constantly measures its output, pulse-by-pulse, to optimize the delivered charge and increase the likelihood of Neuro Muscular Incapacitation (NMI).
 - a. True
 - b. False

5. The Positive Safety Lock is designed to prevent the safety switch from inadvertently shifting into the armed position and draining the PPM.
 - a. True
 - b. False

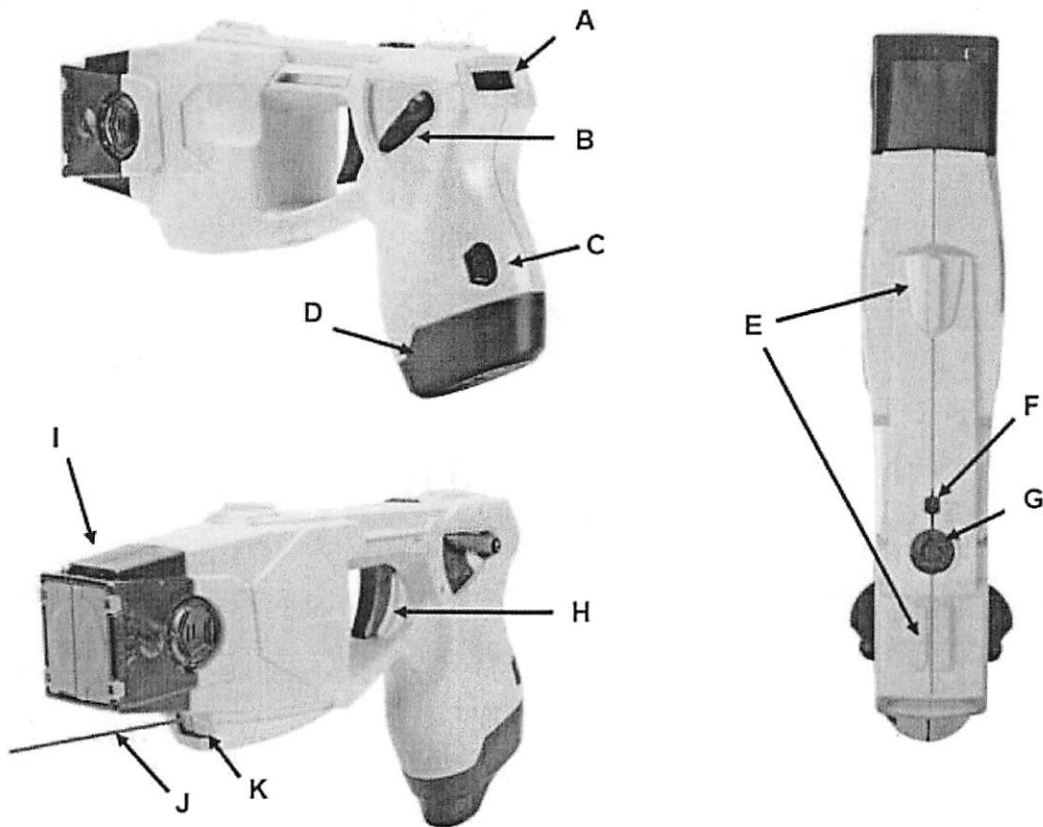
6. When conducting a daily spark/functionality test, in addition to visually inspecting the arc you should:
 - a. Check the CID for any fault icons
 - b. Remove and reinsert the PPM
 - c. None of the above
 - d. All of the above

7. The program required to download the firing records from the X26P is called:
 - a. SkyNet
 - b. The X26P download software
 - c. EVIDENCE Sync
 - d. iTunes

8. The X26P uses TASER cartridges.
a. True
b. False



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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 10. Performance Power Magazine _____ | 16. PPM Release Button _____ |
| 11. Central Information Display _____ | 17. Selector Switch _____ |
| 12. LED Flashlight _____ | 18. Cartridge _____ |
| 13. Trigger _____ | 19. LASER (pointing to beam) _____ |
| 14. Safety Switch _____ | 20. Power Accessory Interface _____ |
| 15. Fixed Sights _____ | |



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TASER® CEW (X26P/X2) User Transition Course Applicant Certification Form

PRINT LEGIBLY AND CLEARLY PLEASE!

Which CEW were you certified on (Check all that apply): X26P X2

Name: _____ Agency: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
Address/State/Zip: _____

TASER Instructor Use Only

Instructor is required to verify that applicant has successfully completed all X26P/X2 CEW Transition Course requirements.
****This course alone does NOT fulfill the requirements for annual recertification****

- _____ Currently certified as a TASER CEW User
- _____ Review current Annual User Recertification Course PowerPoint Presentation(s) & training bulletins (if applicable)
- _____ Demonstrate safe handling of CEW to include:
proper finger positioning, aiming and deploying at preferred target area and while loading / unloading
- _____ Perform a proper warning ARC
- _____ (X2 & X3) Utilize the ARC switch to re-energize deployed probes

I hereby certify that the above named applicant has satisfactorily completed all components of the TASER Transition End-User Certification and is hereby certified as a user of this system for one year.

Attested by Certifying Instructor: _____
(Print Name) (Signature)

Date: _____ Location of Training: _____

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**V21 TASER X26P and X2 CEW User
Transition Certification Requirements**

To fulfill Axon Enterprise, Inc.'s (TASER Training Department) requirements for TASER® Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW) user transition certification, the currently certified TASER Instructor (Instructor) must fully comply with TASER's *Training Materials Licensing Agreement* and the requirements below when conducting the CEW user transition courses. These requirements assist in forming the basis for reasonably safe and effective CEW use.

This document sets forth two separate CEW user requirements:

1. Initial TASER CEW User Transition Certification Requirements.
2. Immediate Distribution Requirement of all TASER training bulletins and warnings to all CEW users.

TASER X26P and X2 CEW User Transition Certification Requirements:

1. **72 Hours Prior to course dates, review/utilize current TASER course documents.** Go to <https://www.axon.com/training/resources> and review, download, print (as required for the course), and utilize the most current versions of the:
 - a. Proper PowerPoint® presentation, including videos and all updates;
 - b. Training Bulletins since the last TASER training version release;
 - c. CEW User Transition Certification Form
 - d. Law enforcement Product Warnings; and
 - e. Instructor and User: Warnings, Risks, Release & Indemnification Agreement (the "Release").
2. **Prepare Course Documents.** Have all documentation for class ready, including a copy of each of the following documents for each student:
 - a. The Release (If the student is taking an exposure);
 - b. CEW User Transition Certification Form;
 - c. Law Enforcement Product Warnings; and
 - d. Your agency's use of force, CEW, and other related policies and procedures (optional, encouraged);
3. **Comply with CEW User Transition Course Certification Form Requirements.**
The TASER X26P/X2 Certified User Certificate Template is available to print and provide to students as documentation of their course attendance and certification. The template is included with TASER's training materials in the Forms & Certificates folder.
4. **Document Training.** Agency should collect and maintain all documentation concerning the training, including keeping a copy of each CEW user's Certification Form, tests, and the Release Form in department records to validate certification. The TASER Training Department does *not* track user certifications and will return or shred (without notice) any user certification applications or other documentation or materials received.

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