

6.1**TASER POLICY**

The taser is third in the use of force continuum and is to be used in this manner it is the policy of this department that before using the taser the officer will use verbal persuasion, verbal direction, and show of force. The taser will be turned on and the subject will be told that if he fails to do what the officer tells him to do he will be tased.

The officer will aim the taser to hit a large muscle mass. At no time will the officer aim at the head or the groin area or the breast area of a woman. Pregnant women will not be tased not because it will harm the woman or unborn child but because of secondary damage caused by the fall.

Only one five second cycles will be given unless the offender does not comply with the instructions of the officer. Then the officer will pull the trigger for another cycle.

The probes will be treated as evidence if removed by anyone other than the officer there must be an evidence chain of custody form will be filled out. A disk from the fired cartage will be picked up and placed in the fired cartage along with the probes and kept as evidence