PERSONNEL AND TRAINING BUREAU

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TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Personnel and Training Bureau

SUBJECT: REMINDER DEPLOYMENT OF ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICE – TASER

This Notice is a reminder that when personnel elect to use the force option of the electronic control device TASER, that the most effective use of the device is in probe-mode as it gives the best possibility of neuro-muscular incapacitation (NMI).

If the TASER was ineffective while in probe-mode, the TASER officer may opt to apply the TASER, with cartridge in place and activated, as a drive-stun away from the original impact site of the probes. The spread between the probe impact site and the location of the applied drive-stun could have an effect similar to a probe deployment from a distance with a substantial probe spread, thus potentially causing NMI.

Removing the activated cartridge and using the TASER in drive-stun mode, the TASER causes localized pain to the suspect and does not cause NMI on the same scale as probe-mode or three-point drive-stun technique.

If the force option the officer has selected does not appear to be effective, officers should consider transitioning to another, and potentially more effective, objectively reasonable force option. While transitioning an officer should continue to maintain control of their TASER by re-holstering it. It is expected that once an officer utilizes any force option that they always maintain control of their equipment.

For further information regarding Electronic Control Devices refer to Use of Force Tactics Directive No. 4.5 – Electronic Control Device TASER.

Any questions regarding this training should be directed to Lieutenant David Bluestein, Officer-in-Charge, Field Operations Training Section, In-Service Training Division, at (213) 276-2300.

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