

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Detentions Bureau Policies and Procedures

TITLE: TASER USE IN DETENTIONS FACILITIES

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POLICY

Staff assigned to Detentions Bureau facilities may use TASER brand ("TASER") Electronic Control Devices ("ECD") in accordance with section F-800 of the Departmental Policy and Procedures Manual and as detailed below.

DIRECTIVE #1

Use of the TASER in Detentions Facilities will adhere to the following provisions:

- Only staff who have successfully completed the department's TASER training course may possess and/or use a TASER.
- Staff assigned to carry a TASER will carry it on their person in an authorized holster.
- In accordance with Section F-800 of the Department Policy and Procedure Manual, staff will wear TASER holsters on the side of the body opposite of the deputy's handgun.
 - Unarmed staff and armed staff not wearing their handgun will wear the TASER holster on the side of the body opposite of where the handgun would be worn (e.g., Right handed deputies will wear the TASER on their left side.)
- Deputies will use the TASER only with the approval of the Shift Supervisor unless an emergency situation prevents them from obtaining prior approval. Should such a situation exist, the appropriate supervisor will be notified as soon as practical.

- Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) members and Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) members, while conducting tactical training or operations, will wear and use the TASER in accordance with directives and/or procedures of their respective units.
- In accordance with Section F-800 of the Department Policy and Procedure Manual, any person who has been subjected to the electrical discharge of a TASER and/or struck by TASER probes shall be examined by medical staff.
 - If the probes remain embedded in the skin, Deputies will take the person to a physician for probe removal. The facility physician will not be used for this purpose.
 - Probes that may have penetrated a subject's skin but have fallen out shall be treated as a biological hazard. Such probes will be placed point first inside a needle/syringe tube and booked as evidence as required by Departmental Policy F-800.

Procedure A: Documentation of TASER use in a Detentions setting

When the TASER is used in a detentions setting, the reporting requirements detailed in Departmental Policy F-800 will be accomplished in a JMS incident or JMS supplemental.

- The offense type code "4057 – Use of TASER" will be entered in the JMS incident.
- An Incident Report will be completed if required by section A-1500 of this manual or other departmental policy, or as directed by the Shift Supervisor.
- The reporting deputy will document the TASER use in the Use of Force Reporting System as detailed in Departmental Policy F-800 and forward the report to the Departmental TASER Coordinator.