



Belleville Police Services Board Policy

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Function: Law Enforcement	Subject: Conducted Energy Weapons
Regulation References: Government of Canada, Public Safety Canada, Guidelines for the Use of Conducted Energy Weapons, January 1, 2016	
Re-Evaluation Date: Within the Board's business plan or as otherwise initiated	Effective Date: March 16, 2023

It is the policy of the Belleville Police Services Board with respect to conducted energy weapons (CEWs) that the Chief of Police will:

- a) ensure that the type of CEW has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
- b) ensure procedures are in place with respect to pre-shift and post shift CEW checks and maintenance (e.g., contacts, cartridges, batteries, spark test, etc.) and submit a report in all instances where a CEW is deployed;
- c) ensure an accurate inventory of all CEW devices, including the operational status and current location of each CEW;
- d) ensure that prior to Officers using a CEW they will have considered whether de-escalation techniques or other force options have not, or will not, be effective in diffusing the situation;
- e) train Officers to issue a verbal warning so the subject is aware that a CEW is about to be deployed;
- f) direct Officers to avoid extended cycling of CEWs unless a single deployment is ineffective in eliminating the risk or in allowing the Officer(s) to gain physical control of the subject;
- g) develop and maintain procedures where CEW use should be avoided Including:
 - (i) on a restrained subject;

- (ii) on a woman known to be pregnant, elderly person, young child or visibly frail person;
 - (iii) on a sensitive area of the body (e.g., head, neck, genitals); and
 - (iv) on a subject in control of a moving vehicle, bicycle, snowmobile or other conveyance;
- h) ensure training policy, including minimum training requirements for Officers authorized to deploy a CEW; for those Officers who supervise Officers who carry a CEW; and those Officers authorized to provide CEW training courses;
- i) ensure all CEW training is documented and meets the training requirements established by the Solicitor General;
- j) ensure Officers employing CEWS and CEW trainers/instructors receive regular and documented recertification (every two years is the recommended minimum);
- k) ensure CEWs undergo regular testing and only those that test within approved operating parameters should be used for field deployment;
- l) ensure that any CEW used proximal to an incident resulting in death or serious injury should be immediately sent for testing, while respecting appropriate legislated police service obligations or practices related to such investigations;
- m) ensure, where operationally feasible and taking into consideration the availability of health care professionals, medical assistance should be sought as soon as practicable when a situation necessitates multiple or extended cycling of a CEW. Medical assistance should be sought when an individual has any apparent injuries, is in obvious distress, or requests medical assistance.

This Policy shall become effective this 16th day of March, 2023.

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Board Chair