
CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES (CED) (*commonly referred to as TASER*)

Version 4

1. Policy statement

Given the increased security threat level all frontline uniformed officers should be given the option of carrying a conducted energy device (CED) and be provided with suitable training in its use.

With fewer officers patrolling our streets many officers are required to patrol alone. This has to be measured in the communities with which they serve but officers must be equipped with the best safety equipment available.

2. Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

With more frontline officers working alone, PFEW believes that it is paramount that our members have the best possible equipment to protect them. PFEW wants to see a wider roll-out of CEDs and training in its use to all frontline officers, not just to firearms officers and other specialists.

Any officer authorised to carry a CED must be fully trained to do so and there are strict procedures and safeguards in place to ensure all officers are fully accountable.

PFEW urges Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners to invest in more CED trained and equipped officers to help protect those protecting their communities. The government should provide extra money for the supply of CEDs and training for frontline officers and we will put pressure on them to achieve this.

4. Procedures/implementation

PFEW will work with NPCC, individual chief officers, PSAEW and the Home Office to progress this as a matter of urgency.

Responsibility is delegated to the National Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.

	Author	Date	Date to be reviewed	Change
Version 1	KP-EP	February 2015	February 2016	INB agreed that all frontline officers should be given the option of carrying a Taser
Version 2	KP-EP	February 2016	February 2017	Minor change
Version 3	KP-EP	February 2017	February 2018	Title change and amendments to refer to Conducted Energy Device rather than Taser
Version 4	KP	January 2019	February 2020	Minor changes

Signed by:



National Chair



National Secretary