

**Conducted Energy Devices (CED) - TASER**

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| The PFEW Policy Department has embarked on a programme to formulate and revise policy documents on matters of particular importance to its members.  It is the aim of PFEW to maintain clear policies on key topics that allow members to understand PFEW's official position on those areas.  These strategic documents are evidence-based, aligned with PFEW's Business Areas and championed by National Board members.    If you have any comments or queries, please direct them to [Bahar.Munim@polfed.org](mailto:Bahar.Munim@polfed.org) |

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

1. Policy statement

Given the increased security-threat level, all frontline officers should be given the option to carry 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 must be measured within the context of the communities 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 since 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, PFEW will put  
pressure on it 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.