



Memorandum

To: Ralph A. Lange, City Manager

From: Lt. D. Gress

Date: December 5, 2012

Number: 2012-041

Subject: Taser Deployment Report

Since the inception of the Taser program in April 2008, we have had **41 deployments** and **34 incidents** in which officers received voluntary compliance during initial deployment when the subject observed the officer drawing the Taser from the holster. We have also had **2 deployments on attacking K-9's** that has stopped the K-9 from attacking the citizen or officer.

I have summarized below the Taser deployment that we had on **February 18, 2012**, involving an assault on a police officer.

On **February 18, 2012**, Officers were investigating a Larceny from Person complaint. Officers obtained the name and address of the suspect and went to his address to interview him. Upon arrival officers walked up to the residence when the suspect came out of the residence running at one officer. The officer gave verbal commands to stop, but the suspect kept running and attempted to climb a fence. The officer held onto the suspect until the suspect punched the officer in the face and fled. The suspect ran towards another officer who gave verbal commands to stop and when the suspect refused the Taser X-26 was deployed. The suspect fell down as Neuro-Muscular-Incapacitation (NMI) began to take affect and then wires broke. The suspect got up to his feet and began to run again. Another officer deployed his Taser and the probes fell out and did not affect the suspect. The suspect was located a few blocks away and placed under arrest without further incident.

The suspect was cleared medically and then transported and lodged at the Washtenaw County Jail. The Officer is requesting Larceny from person, Assault on Police Officer and Resisting and Obstructing.

I have summarized below the Taser deployment that we had on **March 16, 2012**, involving an assault on a police officer by an emotionally disturbed person.

On **March 16, 2012**, Officers were dispatched to a call of an argument between a father and son. Officers were advised that the son had broken out several windows and was threatening to kill himself by drinking weed killer. Upon arrival the father stated that his son was armed with large knives and was locked in the bathroom. Officers attempted to negotiate with the subject but the

subject became agitated and threatens **to kill himself and police. Officers fearing the subject was harming himself introduced** a chemical agent into the locked bathroom and then forced the door open. The subject charged officers with a large yard tool raised over his head and the Taser X-26 was deployed with only one probe struck the subject. The subject was taken to the ground and another Taser was deployed in attempts to control him. Officers had to deploy the Taser multiple times to gain control of the subject. The subject was then taken to U of M hospital for evaluation. The subject suffered injuries from breaking glass and no officers were hurt.

I have summarized below the Taser deployment that we had on **July 12, 2012**, involving a Home Invasion warrant, Resisting & Obstructing and Trespassing arrest.

On **July 12, 2012**, Ypsilanti Police Officer was dispatched to the AATA bus station in reference a Trespassing complaint. The officer made contact with the security guard who identified a subject that was trespassing on AATA property. The officer walked over to the subject and the subject fled on foot. The officer pursued the subject and tackled him to the ground. The officer and subject wrestled in the street and the subject was on top of the officer pinning him to the ground. The subject attempted to flee again and the officer pursued after him. The officer deployed his TASER X26 once and the subject fell to the ground with Neuro-Muscular-Incapacitation (NMI) taking place. The subject was placed in handcuffs without further incident.

The subject and officer sustained minor abrasions from the pavement. The subject was taken to St. Joseph Hospital and then lodged in the Washtenaw County Jail.

I have summarized below the Taser deployment that we had on **July 30, 2012**, involving a Domestic Assault arrest and Resisting & Obstructing.

On **July 30, 2012**, Ypsilanti Police Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Ainsworth Circle for a Domestic Assault in progress. Upon arrival Officers made contact with the victim who pointed out the subject who just assaulted her. Officers attempted to take the subject into custody when the subject pulled away from Officers and took a fighting stance. Officer deployed his TASER X-26 once and the subject fell to the ground and Neuro-Muscular-Incapacitation (NMI) took place. The subject was placed in handcuffs without further incident.

The subject was lodged in the Washtenaw County Jail on charges of Domestic Assault and Resisting and Obstructing a police officer.

I have summarized below the Taser deployment that we had on **August 8, 2012**, involving Resisting & Obstructing and outstanding warrants arrest.

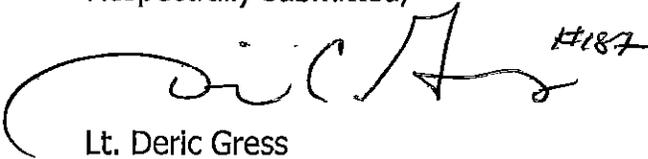
On **August 8, 2012**, Officers from the Ypsilanti Police Department were on foot patrol in Peninsular Park when they observed a known subject whom had valid warrants. As officers approached the subject he began to walk away briskly. Officers gave loud verbal commands to stop, POLICE, and then the subject began to run away from officers. Officers pursued the subject on foot when the subject stopped running and turned toward the officer and took a fighting stance. The officer drew his TASER X26 and ordered the subject to the ground. The subject refused to cooperate and the officer deployed the TASER X26 one time. The subject fell to the ground and Neuro-Muscular-Incapacitation (NMI) took place. The subject was placed in handcuffs without further incident.

The subject was transported to the Washtenaw County Jail on charges of Resisting and Obstructing a police officer and miscellaneous warrants.

I have summarized below the Taser deployment that we had on **November 22, 2012**, involving an Emotional Disturbed Person.

On **November, 22, 2012**, Officers were dispatched to a call of a male subject standing in the middle of the street, wearing a mask, approaching vehicles in an aggressive manner. Upon arrival, this subject was belligerent, and cursing at the officers with pedestrians nearby. The subject rushed at the officers, then got into a fighting stance. He then tried to go past the officers. When they made attempts to put him in custody for disorderly conduct, he began to flail his arms wildly and with clenched fists. One officer deployed his Taser X-26 which contacted the suspect, but malfunctioned and had no effect. A second officer deployed his Taser X-26 which also made contact. This too also had no effect on the subject. Both officers reloaded their Taser's with new cartridges and deployed them. This did cause Neuro-Muscular-Incapacitation (NMI) and the suspect dropped to the ground. Officers then tried to handcuff the subject, but he continued to fight. After some time, the officers were finally able to get the subject into custody. He was transported to the hospital for treatment for the probe deployments as well as a psychological evaluation. Charges are being sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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