DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Policy Number:	**107.012**
Title:	**Fugitive Apprehension Unit Use of X-26P/X-2 Taser**
Effective Date:	**4/21/20**

PURPOSE: To provide procedures for Minnesota Department of Correction's fugitive apprehension unit use of the X-26P/X-2 Advanced Taser System®.

APPLICABILITY: Office of special investigations (OSI) – fugitive apprehension unit

DEFINITIONS:

Anti-felony identification device (AFID) – confetti-like identifying tags ejected from an X-26P/X-2 Taser when fired.

Cartridge – the TaserCartridge®, which is a single-use item identified by serial number.

High-definition Taser cam – a high definition audio/video recording camera integrated in the X-2 Taser power supply.

X-2 Taser – a two-shot electronic control device designed with the capability to immediately follow-up with an additional cartridge deployment without reloading. This device has automatic video recording when the device is deployed.

X-26P Taser – handheld, less-lethal, conducted-energy weapon using nitrogen-propelled wires to conduct energy at 26 watts and 50,000 volts for purposes of overriding a person's central nervous system.

PROCEDURES:

A. General requirements:

1. X-26P/X-2 Tasers are issued to, handled, and deployed only by officers who have successfully completed the DOC's six hour training program.
   a) The X-26P/X-2 Taser must only be handled as instructed in the training course.

   b) Re-certification for X-26P/X-2 Taser occurs annually.

2. Only properly functioning and charged X-26P/X-2 Tasers are issued for field use.

3. When carried in the field, the X-26P/X-2 Taser must be carried in a department-authorized holster, as approved by the OSI director/designee.

4. Officers must carry the X-26P/X-2 Taser on the officer's non-handgun side to prevent confusion with the officer's handgun.

5. Every X-26P/X-2 Taser deployment must be documented using a Taser Use Report (attached). Deployment includes: targeting of a suspect with a Taser laser sight, arcing of a Taser for purposes of gaining compliance, a contact deployment, as well as firing of an air cartridge or other deployment resulting in a subject receiving an electrical charge. The

Taser Use Report, along with an incident report, are kept in the augmented criminal investigation support system (ACISS).

6. At the beginning of each shift, FAUMs must test-fire the X-26P/X-2 Taser by removing the cartridge or arcing to ensure the X-26P/X-2 Taser is in good working order and properly charged in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.

7. The Taser instructor maintains an inventory of all cartridges and records all cartridge serial numbers dispensed to each fugitive specialist. Spent cartridges are stored in an evidence locker in central office's OSI evidence room and retained for two years unless required for civil/criminal court proceedings.

8. Fugitive specialists are responsible to notify the Taser instructor of any transfer of cartridge to other fugitive specialists.

B. Deployment

1. Use of the X-26P/X-2 Taser is authorized to control subjects engaging in or exceeding verbal resistance. The X-26P/X-2 Taser is placed on the use of force continuum after verbal commands. The X-26P/X-2 Taser is not intended to replace firearms or self-defense techniques. Officers must deploy the X-26P/X-2 Taser in accordance with current DOC training.

2. Officers must not deploy the X-26P/X-2 Taser on minors or subjects known to be pregnant, unless the actions of the subject present an immediate threat of death, great bodily harm, or substantial physical struggle that could result in injury to the officer or another person.

3. Officers must not deploy the X-26P/X-2 Taser at a subject or in an area known to be contaminated with a highly flammable or combustible material or liquid.

4. Officers deploying the X-26P/X-2 Taser at subjects in a moving vehicle must deploy only in a use of deadly force situation.

5. Officers must not deploy the X-26P/X-2 Taser on a subject in danger of falling from a significant height.

6. Officers must not deploy the X-26P/X-2 Taser on handcuffed or shackled prisoners unless there is an immediate and imminent threat to the officer, others, or the suspect.

7. Officers must use verbal commands continually during and after the deployment of the X-26P/X-2 Taser to warn the subject to cease their aggressive behavior.

8. After deployment of the X-26P/X-2 Taser, officers must secure the subject in handcuffs and remove the probes using methods as trained.
   a) Officers should wear protective gloves when removing the probes.

   b) If probes are deeply embedded or in soft tissue such as the face, neck, or groin, the probes must be removed by trained medical personnel. The investigator must photograph the puncture sites.

9. The deployed cartridge serial number must be recorded on the Taser Use Report and the cartridge and probes placed in evidence.

10. The X-26P/X-2 Taser must be downloaded after deployment when the possibility to download is available. When the Taser has been deployed and downloaded, the OSI deputy director – fugitive unit reviews the video of the incident. Videos are retained electronically by the Taser instructor.

11. Each X-26P/X-2 Taser must be downloaded biannually or at supervisor request. Downloads are retained by the Taser instructor.

12. The Taser instructor inventories all cartridges and downloaded information and maintains these records in accordance with Policy 106.240, "Records Retention and Disposal."

13. If the subject is transferred to the custody of another agency, the officer must notify the agency verbally and in writing (i.e., on booking sheet) that the X-26P/X-2 Taser was used on the subject.

INTERNAL CONTROLS:

A. The Taser instructor maintains an inventory of all cartridges.

B. Biannual downloads of Taser data are retained by the Taser instructor.

C. Taser Use Reports are retained in ACISS.

ACA STANDARDS: None

REFERENCES: Policy 106.300, "Management of Records and Sentence Administration"
Minn. Stat. §§ 609.06; 609.066

REPLACES: Policy 107.012, "Fugitive Apprehension Unit Use of X-26/X-2 Taser" 6/18/19. All facility policies, memos, or other communications whether verbal, written, or transmitted by electronic means regarding this topic.

ATTACHMENTS: Taser Use Report (107.012A)

APPROVALS:
Deputy Commissioner, Community Services
Deputy Commissioner, Facility Services
Assistant Commissioner, Operations Support
Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning, Implementation, and Employee Development