

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Police Department

To: David L. Corliss, City Manager
From: Tarik Khatib, Chief of Police
Cc: Diane Stoddard, Assistant City Manager
Cynthia Wagner, Assistant City Manager
Toni Wheeler, City Attorney
Date: February 5, 2013
Re: Lawrence Police 2012 TASER Report

In 2012, the Lawrence Police Department responded to 112,464 calls for service and wrote 16,445 investigative and 2,861 accident reports. In the course of performing these duties, officers utilized an Electronic Control Device (commonly called TASERs) on eleven occasions (2010 deployment was eight occasions, 2011 deployment was seven occasions). A brief overview of each of these ECD uses is attached to this memorandum. All Lawrence Police ECD deployments are subject to a review process. There were two uses outside of our stringent policy and these are detailed in the attached memorandum.

Additionally, between January 1 and December 31, 2012, we displayed TASERs 19 times without deploying the device. The circumstances in these incidents meant that the presence of the ECD was enough to stop the potential for violence.

The training initiative and recertification process has continued through 2012 and most officers have now been trained and certified. This accomplishing a goal set forth in 2011. We will continue to monitor closely the use of ECDs with mandatory written reports and close supervisory review after each incident. If I may provide additional information, please let me know.

Attachment: Lawrence Police 2012 TASER Report