

Minutes of Police Advisory Committee
February 29th, 2012

DRAFT.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Dennis who gave a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting.

Present were: Dennis Brown, Chief Krakowiecki, Loretta Stalnaker, George Trask, Mike DeCubellis, Tom Harty

Definitions :

Taser-the brand name of a device that delivers a measured electrical impulse discharge

ECD- Electronic Control Device, the name used for Taser-like devices in Randolph's policy

CED-Conducted Energy Device, the name used for taser-like devices in most literature

The recent use of a Taser™ by an officer was reviewed by the Chief who explained to the group the post-use procedures.

The group reviewed various policies and procedures as well as some statistics from around the country on the use of Tasers™ by departments. It was noted that in a comparison of departments who deploy Tasers™ or other CED's versus those who do not use the technology the injury rate among officers during apprehensions is 70% lower for departments using Conducted Energy Devices (CED) and the injury rate for suspects is 40 % lower for the same departments.

Two minor changes were suggested for the Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) for the use of CED's by Randolph's Police Department. Both were in regard to post-deployment situations. It was recommended that section xxix be amended to add that the Electronic Control Device(ECD) data be downloaded as soon as is practical post-use by an officer not involved in the situation. The other proposed change was to add to section xxix a SOG that the AFIDS tags ejected by the ECD be photographed at the scene if possible and that a sample be collected and maintained as evidence.

The committee agreed that a statement be prepared that states that the committee had met and was in agreement that the recent use of the device by an RPD officer was in keeping with the policy currently in place and that it was determined to be a "clean" and properly warranted use of the device by the officer.

Meeting adjourned at 1052hrs to the Police Department for a demonstration of the use of the Taser™ units employed by RPD.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Harty