

Here are the news stories on the three events from Sacramento PD that resulted in a non-fatal hip shot in 2001; Rochester PD (MN) that resulted in a non-fatal shot to a man's back; and the one fatal shot by Madera PD (CA).

The contact for Sacramento is excellent: Sgt. Rick Guilbault (pronounced Gil Bo): rguilbault@pd.cityofsacramento.org and 916-566-6490 ext. 3.

Madera is still in ongoing investigations. I can talk about this on the phone.

I do not have all the facts concerning Rochester. Please contact Rochester PD Sgt. Scott Tullius: 507-285-8302 and stullius@ci.rochester.mn.us and go "cop to cop."

These are notes from one report from an inquiry from Irvine PD via his conversations with Rochester: Rochester Police Department, MN:

In this case, a Rochester Police officer responded to a disorderly conduct incident and upon arrival, immediately exited his vehicle to aid another officer who was engaged in a fight with the suspect. While exiting his vehicle, the officer placed his issued black M26 Advanced Air Taser in one of his uniform pants pockets, located on the officer's primary side. During the scuffle, the officer decided to use his Taser to subdue the resisting suspect and while attempting to feel for the Taser weapon on his primary weapon side, he accidentally drew his primary lethal weapon instead and fired one round, striking the suspect near the kidney side of his body. The shooting was non-lethal and the suspect did survive the incident.

This investigation is on going, therefore I was unable to obtain the information, relating to the type of uniform pants the officer was wearing and exactly how the Taser weapon was stored in his pants pocket. Prior to this incident, when the Rochester Police Department first obtained the M26 Advanced Air Taser's, they trained their officer's to carry the Tasers in belted hip type zippered bag,

Since this incident, the Rochester Police Department changed the color of their Taser's to yellow and strictly enforced the policy requiring the carrying of the weapon in the zipped hip bags.

Sincerely,
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