

OTTAWA-CARLETON REGIONAL POLICE SERVICE
Tactical Unit

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

TASER less lethal option

TASER Definition

The acronym 'TASER', when used within the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service documents, refers to the electrical pulse wave technology systems that are manufactured by either Tasertron or TASER International.

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The decision to deploy the TASER less lethal option may be determined by the tactical officer in charge of the scene, or during a confrontation with a subject, by the tactical officer involved. Deployment of the TASER will be determined by:

- the threat level imposed by the subject to any involved person
- the need for immediate incapacitation

The TASER will be deployed and used in accordance with prescribed training as dictated by the course training standards of the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service.

Procedures for the TASER

The TASER shall only be used on those subjects that an officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe, is a danger to themselves and/or others, and needs to be immediately controlled, and the officer believes the subject will be, or has been, actively aggressive/assaultive towards police or others, or poses a threat to the officer, or others, of serious bodily harm or death, and other force options available to police may not be suitable.