



BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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NEW TASERS HIT BROWARD STREETS

BSO distributes new TASERs at special Wednesday roll call

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BSO Defensive Tactics Training Center

Behind BSO Public Safety Building

2601 West Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale

The Broward Sheriff's Office will begin distributing approximately 330 new TASER devices to qualified members of law enforcement and detention during a special roll call Wednesday September 6, 2006 at the BSO Defensive Tactics Training Center.

This distribution will more than double the number of devices already in service across the Broward Sheriff's Office. The TASER devices have been assigned to deputies in road patrol as well as detention.

Each deputy receiving a TASER has completed an agency-mandated training program on the proper use of the TASER.

"The last thing any deputy ever wants to do is draw his or her weapon. Having a TASER gives our deputies an important option," said Broward Sheriff Ken Jenne. "Since they were first introduced at the Broward Sheriff's Office, the TASER has proven to be a valuable non-lethal alternative that helps protect the public as well as our deputies."

According to TASER International, TASER devices are currently used by over 9,100 law enforcement, correctional and military agencies in 43 countries.

*The TASER device will be demonstrated at the roll call. Any members of media wishing to participate in the demonstration should contact BSO Media Relations.

*Media should meet in the Office of Media Relations to be escorted to the BSO DTTC

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