

SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DRAFT OF MANUAL REVISION

Section 1.170 Chapter 170 – M26 Taser

- I. Qualification
 - A. Officers must successfully complete an authorized training class approved by the Commander of the Training, Procedures, and Audit Section before they may carry an M26 Taser.
 - B. Authorized officers may only carry a department issued M26 Taser and M26 Taser cartridges.

- II. Post application procedures
 - A. Whenever an M26 Taser is applied to an individual a Seattle Fire Department Aid or Medic Unit will be called to the scene to treat that person.
 - B. Spent Taser darts and cartridges will be handled as a biohazard and will be disposed of in properly marked biohazard containers.
 - C. Qualified medical personnel at an authorized medical facility will remove the M26 darts that penetrate an individuals skin.

- III. Reporting the use of M26 Taser
 - A. When the M26 Taser is deployed on an individual you must follow the use of physical force reporting procedures. (See Section 1.149 – Reporting the Use of Force)

IV. Replacement M26 cartridges and batteries

- A. Officers are responsible for getting replacement M26 cartridges and batteries when they deplete their supply. The precinct stationmasters will have the replacements.

V. Yearly Qualifications

- A. Each authorized user of the M26 Taser will qualify with their weapon once a year.
- B. The qualification date will be published by directive at the start of each year.
- C. Unexcused absences will terminate the authorization to carry the M26 Taser until the qualification can be made up.