



Use of Force Recommendation 36

Adopt Brightly Colored ECWs



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Objective

- Review DPM 2.1.35 Electronic Control Device (ECD) Protocols and make recommendation in line with PERF recommendation.
- *“ECWs should be clearly marked (brightly colored) and easily identifiable as a less-lethal option. It is recognized, however, that specialized units such as SWAT may prefer dark-colored ECWs for tactical concealment purposes.” –PERF*



Recommendation Highlights

- MPD should consider adopting brightly colored ECWs (e.g., yellow), which may reduce the risk of escalating a force situation because they are plainly visible and thus decrease the possibility that a secondary unit will mistake the ECW for a firearm.

-PERF

Current Policy

- DPM 2.1.35- Section 7 (Carrying & Security):
- The ECD shall be carried in:
 - In a secured manner on the support side of the body.
 - An ECD holster or a secured pouch on the vest.
- No policy on color of the ECD. (Taser)



Gap Analysis

IACP: The ECW shall be carried in an approved holster on the side of the body opposite the service handgun.

- Recommendation

Taser 7



- Current Policy

Taser X2



Industry Trends

- **Tempe PD**
 - *Yellow Taser.*
- **Gilbert PD**
 - *Taser Black.*
- **Tucson PD**
 - *Yellow Taser.*
- **Scottsdale PD**
 - *Yellow Taser.*



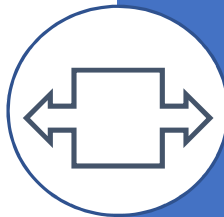
Pros and Cons

*List the reasons **for** adopting the recommendation*

- *Clear recognition of Less-Lethal tool*
- *Decrease possibility that ECW is confused for firearm.*

*List the reasons **against** adopting the recommendation*

- *Cost.*
 - *To exchange all current Black Taser X2 for Yellow Taser X2 would cost \$1.12 million. Currently in year 3 of 5 contract with AXON/Taser. Purchase Yellow Taser 7. \$1.68 million.*



Proposed Action

- *Recommend that MPD wait until the current contract expires with AXON/Taser. Purchase Yellow Tasers as a new policy directive at that time.*



Discussion