



# Use of Force Recommendation 36

Guidance for  
*Adopting Brightly Colored ECWs*



# Agenda

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## 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**

# 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



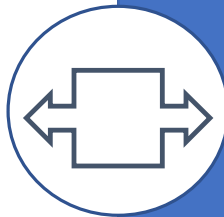
- Current Policy

Taser X2



# Discussion Points

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



## Committee Feedback

Committee not in favor of immediate change due to cost.

Several citizens present wanted see if we could put a label on sticker on the Taser.



# Further Analysis

- MPD currently in negotiations to exchange current Tasers.
- July 2020.



# Final Guidance

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





Discussion