



# Training Bulletin

Los Angeles Port Police

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## TASER SPARK TEST PROCEDURES

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this Training Bulletin is to outline the proper spark test procedures for new issued Taser X26P.

### POLICY

Refer to Policy 309 (Conducted Energy Device) of the Los Angeles Port Police Manual for further information.

### BACKGROUND

The X26P Taser uses a new smart technology. The new X26P Taser automatically calculates how much electricity needed to deliver the appropriate amount of energy to achieve Neuromuscular Incapacitation (NMI). The spark test procedure has been changed to ensure the Taser's internal required manufactures recommendation.

Also, Taser recommends at least a once a week five seconds spark test against a conductive material such as aluminum foil.

It is not recommended to use hard metal items such as lockers or desks which can cause the Taser prongs to become corroded or damaged. The Taser should not come into contact with the foil and should be held approximately ½ inch away.

This allows the Taser's internal components to increase and decrease regularly and not to create a memory, which could cause the Taser not to function with its enhanced function of automatically calculating.

### PROCEDURES

- Ensure the Taser safety is on.
- Point your Taser in a safe direction.
- Safely remove Taser cartridge by ensuring your fingers do not cover cartridge blast doors.
- Place cartridge down away from your Taser.
- Point your unloaded Taser in a safe direction, turn off the safety and pull the trigger allowing the full five seconds. Listen to the electricity for consistent strong spark noise.
- Once a week point unloaded Taser towards the foil target located in the kit room inside Port Police Headquarters.
- Hold your Taser approximately ½ inch away from the foil target (Do not allow your Taser to come in contact with the foil target) and press the trigger.

- Allow the Taser to run the full 5 seconds.
- Place the safety on your Taser.
- Touch the foil target to ensure you do not have any static electricity.
- Pick up your Taser cartridge and inspect the doors to ensure they are intact.
- Reinsert your Taser cartridge and do not allow your fingers or hand to cover the Taser cartridge door.
- Safely holster your Taser.

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