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Definitions

"Director" – the director of police services referred to in section 39 (1) of the *Police Act*.

"Conducted energy weapon" or "CEW" – a weapon designed to use a conducted electrical current in order to incapacitate a person, or to generate compliance through pain.

"Intermediate weapon" – a weapon whose normal use is not intended or likely to cause serious injury or death. Impact weapons, aerosols and conducted energy weapons fall within this category. Intermediate weapons may also be referred to as less-lethal weapons.

"Officer" - a constable appointed under the *Police Act* or an enforcement officer appointed under s. 18.1 of the *Police Act*.

Standards

The chief constable, chief officer, or commissioner:

Approved intermediate weapons

- (1) Must ensure the intermediate weapons carried or used by officers of their police force have been approved by the director (see also *BCPPS 1.3.2 Approved CEW Models*).
- (2) May, notwithstanding Standard (1) above, permit an officer to carry and use an intermediate weapon other than a CEW if the weapon was in the operational inventory of their police force or another British Columbia police force on or before January 30, 2012 (see also *BCPPS 1.3.2 Approved CEW Models*).

Training, qualification, and requalification

- (3) Must ensure an officer successfully completes a training course and is qualified to use an intermediate weapon before the officer may be authorized to carry and use that weapon under Standard (1) or (2) above (see also *BCPPS 3.2.1 CEW Operator Training*).
- (4) Must ensure any officer authorized to carry and use an intermediate weapon under Standard (1) and or (2) above is requalified to use that weapon at least once every three years unless otherwise required by *BCPPS* dealing specifically with that intermediate weapon (see also *BCPPS 3.2.1 CEW Operator Training*).

- (5) Must ensure that written records are maintained of the intermediate weapons training and requalification courses completed by each officer in the police force.

Policies and procedures

- (6) Must ensure policies and procedures are consistent with these *BC Provincial Policing Standards*.

NOTE: These BC Provincial Policing Standards replace the Police Act Use of Force Regulation s. 9. and 10(2).