



# Conducted Energy Weapons, 2018

Data reported to the Director of Police Services, as required by British Columbia Provincial Policing Standards ([BCPPS](#)) on the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (CEWs)

## 2018 BCPPS CEW Data, by Police Agency\*

	AB	CS	DE	NE	NW	OB	PM	SA	STP	TP	VA	VI	WV	RCMP	BC	
Total # of CEWs	28	4	100	6	37	4	10	31	7	74	322	23	10	1,696	2,352	
Total # of certified officers	43	25	192	19	119	17	25	82	5	50	245	97	54	1,839	2,812	
Display incidents (no discharge)	6	0	6	4	2	2	4	4	0	10	159	64	10	210	481	
<b>Discharges</b>																
Discharges per certified officer	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.20	0.04	0.19	0.11	0.04	0.10	0.09	
Discharges (# of subjects)	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	47	11	2	181	255	
Probes (# of subjects)	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	1	2	37	6	2	134	188	
Contact Stuns (# of subjects)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	0	15	29	
C.Stun+Probes (# of subjects)	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	32	38	
Effective discharge cases	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	35	8	1	138	191	
1 Cycle cases	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	35	6	2	111	162	
2 Cycle cases	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	8	1	0	43	55	
3+ Cycle cases	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	27	38	
<b>Subject Characteristics (for Discharges)**</b>																
Male	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	2	45	10	1	173	241	
Female	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	8	13	
Under 18 years of age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	
18 – 69 years of age	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	2	46	11	2	174	247	
70 years of age and older	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	
Under inf. alcohol and/or drugs	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	3	1	2	26	7	1	138	183	
Emotionally disturbed	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	3	0	1	30	5	2	100	146	
Armed with weapon(s)	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	27	4	2	93	132	
<b>Injuries (for Discharges)</b>																
Probes broke skin	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	30	5	2	126	169	
Subjects with non-trivial CEW injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Deaths proximal to discharge***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	
Officers with non-trivial injury	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	5	

\*Abbotsford Police Department (AB), Central Saanich Police Service (CS), Delta Police Department (DE), Nelson Police Department (NE), New Westminster Police Department (NW), Oak Bay Police Department (OB), Port Moody Police Department (PM), Saanich Police Department (SA), St'at'imx Tribal Police Service (STP), Metro Vancouver Transit Police (TP), Vancouver Police Department (VA), Victoria Police Department (VI), and the West Vancouver Police Department (WV).

\*\*Demographic information is unavailable for one VA subject listed above. As a result, the sum of the gender and age categories for both VA and BC is one less than the number of total subjects at whom a CEW was discharged.

\*\*\*The term "proximal to" does not mean "caused by." The proximal-death incident listed for VI above was investigated by the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) and found to be caused by self-inflicted injuries. One of the IIO's investigations into the RCMP's two proximal-death incidents listed above has also concluded, with the cause of death primarily considered to be methamphetamine toxicity, exacerbated by a physical struggle and CEW discharge. The remaining RCMP death-proximal incident is still under investigation by the IIO.



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## DEFINITIONS

**Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW):** a weapon designed to use a conducted electrical current in order to incapacitate a person (probe mode) or to generate compliance through pain (contact stun mode).

**CEW Display:** the act of pointing, aiming or showing the CEW at or to a person without discharge.

**CEW Discharge:** the act of firing a CEW in any mode against a person.

**CEW Contact Stun (CS) Mode:** the act of firing a CEW by directly applying the muzzle to a person.

**CEW Probe Mode:** the act of firing a CEW (fitted with a cartridge) at a person from a distance. The CEW transmits electrical pulses through the wires and into a person's body.

**Non-Trivial Injury:** an injury which necessitates medical attention for a condition likely to interfere with the health or comfort of the person and is more than merely transient or trifling in nature. Examples of non-trivial injuries include: lacerations, broken bones/fractures, concussions etc.