



# Conducted Energy Weapons, 2016 (Revised<sup>1</sup>)

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)

## 2016<sup>r</sup> BCPPS CEW Data, by Police Agency\*

	AB	CS	DE	NE	NW	OB	PM	SA	STP	TP	VA	VI	WV	RCMP	BC
Total # of CEWs	33	4	55	7	35	4	7	14	7	46	287	25	8	1,260	1,792
Total # of certified officers	32	20	108	12	120	20	19	64	4	29	194	82	59	1,589	2,352
Display incidents (no discharge)	0	1	12	0	23	2	3	9	0	1	71	36	5	234	397
<b>Discharges</b>															
Discharges per certified officer	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.07	0.02	0.11	0.09
Discharges (# of subjects)	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	36	6	1	172	222
Probes (# of subjects)	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	22	3	1	152	184
Contact Stuns (# of subjects)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	2	0	17	28
C.Stun+Probes (# of subjects)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	3	10
Effective discharge cases	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	25	6	1	124	161
1 Cycle cases	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	21	3	0	120	149
2 Cycle cases	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	2	1	33	51
3+ Cycle cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	19	22
<b>Subject Characteristics (for Discharges)</b>															
Male	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	34	5	1	150	195
Female	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	22	27
Under 18 years of age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
18 – 69 years of age	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	36	6	1	168	218
70 years of age and older	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Under inf. alcohol and/or drugs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	10	2	1	120	136
Emotionally disturbed	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	19	1	1	100	125
Armed with weapon(s)	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	24	4	0	110	144
<b>Injuries (for Discharges)</b>															
Probes broke skin	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	16	3	1	116	140
Subjects with non-trivial injury	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	7	17
Deaths proximal to discharge**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
Officers with non-trivial injury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	5	14

\*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'tat'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).

\*\*"Proximal to" does not mean "caused by." The proximal-death incident listed for the VPD above was investigated by the IIO and found to be primarily a police firearm discharge incident. The IIO's investigations into the RCMP's proximal-death incidents have also concluded, with one indicating that the cause of death was likely an intentionally self-inflicted wound in the presence of police, and the other finding that the self-inflicted fatal injuries occurred prior to police contact.

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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.

<sup>1</sup> This document replaces the previous version of *Conducted Energy Weapons, 2016*, originally published in August 2018. Data in the table above has been updated based on additional information provided by the RCMP and the Saanich Police Department. Upon further investigation, each of those agencies revised the number of subjects under the age of 18 at whom CEWs were discharged in 2016 down by one. For the RCMP this resulted in one less discharge being counted, while for the Saanich Police Department this resulted in a recategorization of a previously-reported discharge.