



Conducted Energy Weapons, 2015

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)

2015 BCPPS CEW Data, by Police Agency*

	AB	CS	DE	NE	NW	OB	PM	SA	STP	TP	VA	VI	WV	RCMP	BC
Total # of CEWs	29	4	36	5	34	4	5	11	4	54	263	22	8	1,055	1,534
Total # of certified officers	27	23	102	13	125	22	18	64	4	16	163	84	61	1,103	1,825
Display incidents (no discharge)	4	0	10	2	14	0	4	10	0	1	77	29	6	202	359
Discharges															
Discharges per certified officer	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.06	0.15	0.06	0.03	0.12	0.09
Discharges (# of subjects)	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	25	5	2	127	168
Probes (# of subjects)	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	18	3	2	117	147
Contact Stuns (# of subjects)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	7	15
C.Stun+Probes (# of subjects)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	6
Effective discharge cases	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	23	5	1	91	126
1 Cycle cases	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	15	5	2	99	129
2 Cycle cases	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	20	30
3+ Cycle cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	9
Subject Characteristics (for Discharges)															
Male	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	24	5	2	121	160
Female	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	8
Under 18 years of age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	5
18 – 69 years of age	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	24	5	2	122	162
70 years of age and older	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Under inf. alcohol and/or drugs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	10	2	2	90	107
Emotionally disturbed	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	13	3	1	71	95
Armed with weapon(s)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	2	74	94
Injuries (for Discharges)															
Probes broke skin	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	19	3	1	86	117
Subjects with non-trivial injury	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	0	16	25
Deaths proximal to discharge**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Officers with non-trivial injury	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	6

*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).

**"Proximal to" does not mean "caused by." The 2015 proximal-death incident listed in the table above occurred in Chilliwack, was investigated by the IIO, and the Coroner determined that the death was due to acute cocaine toxicity during restraint.



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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.