



# Conducted Energy Weapons, 2016

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 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	173	223
Probes (# of subjects)	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	22	3	1	153	185
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	121	150
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	151	196
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	6
18 – 69 years of age	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	36	6	1	168	217
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	101	126
Armed with weapon(s)	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	24	4	0	111	145
<b>Injuries (for Discharges)</b>															
Probes broke skin	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	16	3	1	117	141
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'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 proximal-death incident listed for the VPD above was primarily a police-firearm discharge incident and was still under investigation by the IIO as of August 2018. The IIO's investigations into the RCMP's proximal-death incidents have 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.