### Definitions

**“Conducted energy weapon (CEW)”** - a weapon that when discharged uses a conducted electrical current in order to incapacitate a person, or to generate compliance through pain.

**“Officer”** – a constable appointed under the Police Act or an enforcement officer appointed under s. 18.1 of the Police Act.

**“Police Academy”** - the entity authorized by the director of police services to administer provincially-approved recruit and advanced training for municipal constables, designated constables and enforcement officers.

**“Provincially-approved training”** – training that has been acknowledged by Police Services Division as adequate to meet BC requirements pertaining to training on a specific topic or set of topics.

### Standards

The chief constable, chief officer, or commissioner must:

**Certification**

1. Ensure that any officer authorized to carry and use a CEW has successfully completed BC’s CEW Operator Training course, or other provincially-approved training for CEW operators.

**Prerequisites to certification**

2. Ensure that any officer authorized to begin training as a CEW operator:

   a. Has successfully completed BC’s Crisis Intervention and De-escalation (CID) Training course, or other provincially-approved training in crisis intervention and de-escalation within the previous three years; and
   
   b. Meets the selection criteria established by the police force for CEW operator training.
Recertification

(3) Ensure that any officer authorized to carry and use a CEW is recertified by reviewing the topics contained in BC’s *CEW Operator Training course*, or other provincially-approved training for CEW operators, and passing the final assessment or a provincially-approved equivalent of the final assessment:

(a) At least once each year; and
(b) Any time a police force determines, for any reason, that a CEW operator has not operated a CEW in accordance with any of the *BC Provincial Policing Standards*.

(4) Ensure that any officer seeking to be recertified to carry and use a CEW has, at minimum:

(a) Previously fulfilled Standard (1), above;
(b) Successfully completed BC’s *Crisis Intervention and De-escalation (CID) course*, or other provincially-approved training in crisis intervention and de-escalation within the previous three years; and
(c) Met the selection criteria established by the police force for CEW operator training.

Training delivery

(5) Ensure that the CEW operator training is taught by a certified Police Academy use-of-force instructor or equivalent.

(6) Prohibit a trainer’s or trainee’s exposure to the electrical current of a CEW.

Training records

(7) Ensure that written records are maintained of the CEW operator certification, and recertification completed by each officer in the police force.

Policies and procedures

(8) Ensure policies and procedures are consistent with these *BC Provincial Policing Standards*. 