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Sub Section 3.2 – Provincially-Approved Training Courses	Effective: January 30, 2013 Revised: n/a
Subject 3.2.1 – CEW Operator Training	

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*.