

Suffolk County Police Department

The Suffolk County Police Department is in the process of equipping all police officers with the Taser X26 Electronic Control Device. The Taser X26 is a conductive energy weapon that is utilized by officers in situations where physical force is authorized. The device is designed to temporarily immobilize dangerous non-compliant or violent individuals. These devices are purchased from TASER International and are being issued to provide officers with an additional option when physical force is needed.

There is a body of scientific evidence and research that supports the use of these devices by law enforcement officers. The manufacture's own extensive research has shown that, when officers are equipped with these devices, injuries to civilians and officers are significantly reduced and excessive force complaints decline. Additionally, whenever a Taser is used by an officer an internal "tracking chip" installed in the device stores the information to allow for later retrieval. Information is captured every time the trigger on the Taser is engaged allowing for later review.

If you would like to read more about this equipment, you can click on the links below:

TASER Homepage Link: <http://www.taser.com/pages/default.aspx>

TASER Law Enforcement Link: http://www.taser.com/Pages/le_overview.aspx

TASER Research Link: <http://www.taser.com/research/Pages/default.aspx>