



BELLEVILLE POLICE SERVICE

BOARD POLICY

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LE-051 Conducted Energy Weapons

GP-024 Conducted Energy Weapons

It is the policy of the Belleville Police Service Board (the Board) with respect to conducted energy weapons (CEWs) that the Chief of Police will:

1. Ensure the use of a CEW must be justified by the *Criminal Code* and the *Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)* and *Ontario Regulation 391/23 – Use of Force and Weapons*;
2. Ensure all members that have successfully completed training in the use of the CEW may, at the discretion of the Chief of Police, be issued with and authorized to use that weapon;
3. *Pursuant to Ontario Regulation 391/23 – Use of Force and Weapons* ensure members of this Police Service not use a CEW on a person unless the Member reasonably believes that:
 - a) The person is, without the consent of another person, applying force intentionally to that person, directly or indirectly; or
 - b) Attempting or threatening, by an act or a gesture, to apply force to another person, if the person has, or causes that other person to believe on reasonable grounds that the person has, present ability to affect this purpose; or

- c) Taking into account the totality of the circumstances, there is an imminent need for control of the person in order to:
 - I. Arrest the person;
 - II. Apprehend the person;
 - III. Prevent self-harm; or
 - IV. Prevent the commission of an offence.
- 4. Ensure that the type of CEW has been approved for use by the Solicitor General;
- 5. Ensure procedures are in place with respect to pre-shift and post shift CEW checks and maintenance (e.g., contacts, cartridges, batteries, spark test, etc.) and submit a report in all instances where a CEW is deployed;
- 6. Ensure an accurate inventory of all CEW devices, including the operational status and current location of each CEW;
- 7. Ensure that prior to officers using a CEW they will have considered whether de-escalation techniques or other force options have not, or will not, be effective in diffusing the situation;
- 8. Train officers to issue a verbal warning so the subject is aware that a CEW is about to be deployed;
- 9. Direct officers to avoid extended cycling of CEWs unless a single deployment is ineffective in eliminating the risk or in allowing the officer(s) to gain physical control of the subject;
- 10. Develop and maintain procedures where CEW use should not be used on a person, who is:
 - a) Subdued and under control in restraints; or
 - b) In a precarious position or location where a fall will likely cause serious injury or death, except as a last measure to protect the life of an officer or member of the public.
- 11. Develop and maintain procedures to ensure members are aware that using the CEW on certain individuals in the following circumstances may be deemed inappropriate and should be avoided:

- a) Pregnant females;
- b) Person who appears to be of an age (e.g., very young, elderly) that would cause concern for the individual's safety, except under extraordinary circumstances where the use of other use of force options would reasonably be expected to cause greater potential for injury;
- c) On a sensitive area of the body (e.g., head, neck, genitals);
- d) On a subject in control of a moving vehicle, bicycle, snowmobile or other conveyance; and
- e) Individuals who may have been doused with, or are in close proximity to, combustible materials;

12. CEW Training:

It is the Policy of the Board with respect to conducted energy weapons (CEWs) that the Chief of Police will ensure:

Members who are authorized to carry or use a conducted energy weapon comply with the following training requirements:

- a) Members shall, before carrying or using the weapon, successfully complete the course entitled "Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Operator", delivered by the College or by a Certified Trainer in respect of the course;
- b) Subject to Section 12 (c) of this Policy shall, within 12 months after completing the initial training and within every subsequent 12 months, successfully complete the course entitled "Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) Requalification", delivered by the College or by a Certified Trainer in respect of the course; and
- c) If it is not reasonably possible for a member to comply with the prescribed training within a 12-month period, the Chief of Police may provide an extension of up to 60 days, during which time the member shall successfully complete the prescribed course and training.

13. Ensure all CEW training is documented and meets the training requirements established by the Minister;

14. Ensure all CEW training will be conducted by an instructor who is certified and current on the specific device used by the Belleville Police Service. Annually, the Use of Force Trainer will receive recertification training;

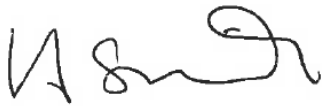
15. Ensure that any CEW used proximal to an incident resulting in death or serious injury should be immediately sent for testing, while respecting appropriate legislated police service obligations or practices related to such investigations;

- a) Ensure, where operationally feasible and taking into consideration the availability of health care professionals, medical assistance should be sought as soon as practicable when a situation necessitates multiple or extended cycling of a CEW. Medical assistance should be sought when an individual has any apparent injuries, is in obvious distress, or requests medical assistance.

16. Reporting:

It is the policy of the Board with respect to CEWs that the Chief of Police will ensure:

- a) Members complete and submit a Use of Force Report in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 391/23 – Use of Force and Weapons* and the Police Service's Use of Force Reports Procedure.



August 10, 2026

Chair

Date