

TASER/Tactical Options Reporting (TOR) data from 22 March 2010 to 31 December 2014

Tactical options used, and subject injury rate at TOR events, 22 March 2010 to 31 December 2014						
	number of TOR events tactical option was used ¹	% of all TOR events	number of subject injuries resulting from tactical options	subject injury rate (%) ²		
Handcuffs	8,310	25.0%	764	9.2%		
Empty hand	9,199	27.7%	2,473	26.9%		
OC Spray	7,358	22.2%	193	2.6%		
Baton	547	1.6%	130	23.8%		
Dog	1,421	4.3%	1,260	88.7%		
TASER ³	4,198	12.6%	47	1.1%		
Firearm ³	1,422	4.3%	5	0.4%		
Other	743	2.2%	90	12.1%		
Total	33,198	100.0%	4,962	14.9%		

¹ An officer may use more than one tactical option (eg, handcuffs, OC spray) at a TOR event. This table counts whether a particular tactical option was used at a TOR event, not the number of times that tactical option was used at the event.

² Subject injury rate is the injury rate (%) for each tactical option eg, 88.7% of dog bites resulted in subject injury. As the injury rate for each tactical option is independent, percentages should not be summed. Events that result in a fatality are not recorded in the TOR database.

³ TASER and firearm uses include "shows" and discharges.

TASER TOR events by highest mode of deployment ⁴						
	n	% of events				
Shows	3,656	87%				
Discharges⁵	542	13%				
Total TASER events	4,198					

⁴ TASER data is presented by highest mode of deployment. TASER shows = presentation, laser painting, and arcing. TASER discharges = discharge with probe and/or contact stun.

⁵ Discharges include discharge deployments that made no or insufficient contact with the person.

Number and percent of recorded face-to-face interactions resulting in a TOR event				
Total TOR events	23,391			
Total CARD events	11,680,985			
% of recorded face-to-face interactions involving tactical options	0.2%			

Number and percent of apprehensions where TASER was deployed (shown or discharged) ⁷				
Total TASER events	4,198			
Total apprehensions	895,921			
% of apprehensions involving TASER	0.5%			

⁷ Police apprehension data does not represent the number of offences or offenders, as one offender may be apprehended for multiple offences, or multiple offenders may be apprehended for one offence. Thus, care should be used when interpreting this data as one apprehension does not necessarily refer to one individual.

Violent and threatening subject behaviours by highest mode of TASER deployment ^{8,9,10}

	Shows	% of Shows	Discharges	% of Discharges	Total	% of TASER events
Threats towards police	1,308	35.8%	272	50.2%	1,580	37.6%
Threats towards non-police	782	21.4%	80	14.8%	862	20.5%
Violence towards police	427	11.7%	238	43.9%	665	15.8%
Violence towards non-police	578	15.8%	72	13.3%	650	15.5%
Weapons used against police	282	7.7%	114	21.0%	396	9.4%

⁸ This table presents subject behaviours displayed at TASER TOR events; eg, in 50.2% of the 542 TASER TOR events where discharge was the highest mode of deployment, subjects had threatened police. Subjects may display more than one type of behaviour at a TOR event, thus total percentages exceed 100%.

⁹ This table does not include all reportable subject behaviours at TASER TOR events.

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