

Axon - Taser Life Cycle Replacement



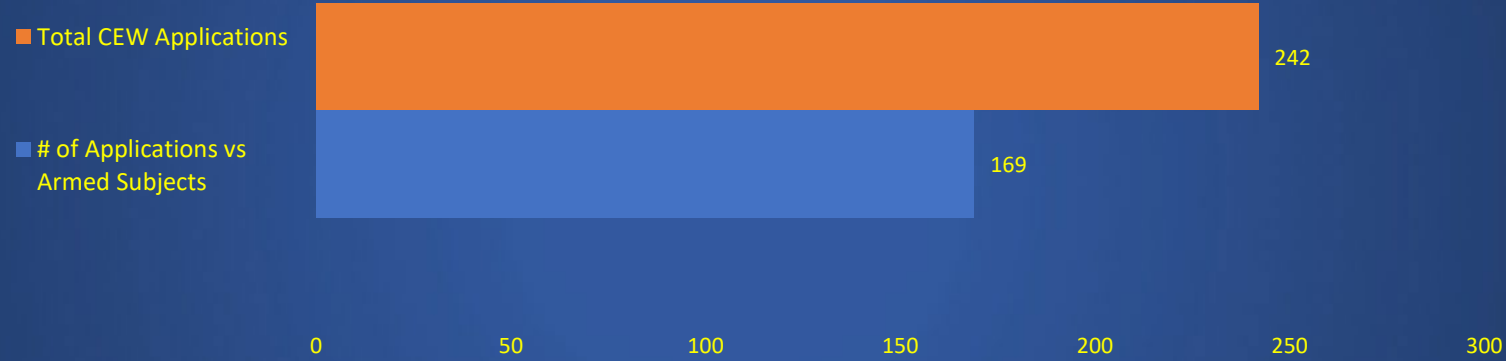
CEW (Taser) Program

- PPB has been using CEWs since 2002.
- Axon is the only company that produces a CEW (Taser) suitable for PPB.
- Most recent contract with Axon expired in April 2023.
- Ordinance before Council does not commit the Bureau to any purchase. It authorizes a sole source contract for up to \$3.4 million over five years.
- Contract needs to be signed before end-of-year to avoid pricing increase as well as to align with Body Worn Camera full implementation timeline.
- Currently, all sworn members are issued a CEW. Contract cap of \$3.4 million necessary to cover potential costs of full transition over 5 years.
- CEW's are one of a small number of less lethal force options available to members.



Why CEW is a Critical Tool

CEW Use 2021-2023



Between 2021 and 2023, CEWs were deployed primarily against Armed Subjects. During this period, **69.8%** of applications of a CEW were used against Armed Subjects. 97 of 148 Subjects a CEW was used against were armed (65.5%). The average Subject was armed in 41.2% of force events during this period.



Current Model - Taser X2



- Axon no longer produces the Taser X2.
- Major Errors – 10-15% of current X2s are experiencing “major errors” (data corruption). These Tasers will deploy but will not display correct date and time during data downloads)
- Critical Errors – a small number of Taser X2s are experiencing critical errors. These Tasers will not deploy, or will not capture required force related data.
- Taser X2’s require a battery upgrade in order to be fully compatible with Body Worn Cameras (approximately \$110/each)



Replacement Model - Taser 7



- Enhanced connection to the Axon network – wireless, rechargeable batteries, update firmware and upload logs via docking.
- Connects to Body Worn Camera via blue tooth capability.



Questions?

