

LESS LETHAL WEAPONS & USE OF FORCE IN CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT



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- LLW's have been in use in Canada since policing began in the 1800's
- Have evolved over time...
 - Extended range impact weapons (ARWEN) since 1990
 - Expandable baton since 1990
 - OC Spray since 1991
 - Conducted Energy Weapons since 1998

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➤ Patrol/Uniform Officers:

- Baton
 - ASP™ Expandable
 - Monadnock™ Auto-lock
 - 26" straight baton
- OC Spray
 - Def-Tec First Defense MK 3™
 - Sabre Red™
 - Bodyguard LE 10™
- Conducted Energy Weapon
 - TASER®
 - M26
 - X26



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➤ ERT/ETF/SWAT:

- OC Spray
- Conducted Energy Weapon
 - ◆ TASER® X26
- Impact Weapons
- Extended Range Impact Weapons
 - ◆ Drag-stabilized Bean-bag
 - ◆ ARWEN
 - ◆ SAGE
- Chemical Munitions
 - ◆ Hot & Cold CS Gas (hand and platform launched)
 - ◆ Smoke
 - ◆ FNDDs



- ERT Dogs



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➤ CCU/POU/TAC TROOP:

- OC Spray
- Conducted Energy Weapon
 - ◆ TASER® X26
- Impact Weapons
 - ◆ Various (expandable, 26" & 36" straight)
- Extended Range Impact Weapons
 - ◆ Drag-stabilized Bean-bag
 - ◆ ARWEN
 - ◆ SAGE
 - ◆ 40mm EXACT IMPACT
- FN 303
- Pepperball
- Water Projection Systems
- Chemical Munitions
 - ◆ Hot & Cold CS Gas (hand and platform launched)
 - ◆ Smoke

- Police Dogs

- Police Horses

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➤ New options constantly being introduced for examination - i.e.

- Pepper Agent System
- Apprehender Baton
- etc... (in the past 2 months)

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CURRENT CONTROVERSY IN CANADA:



- *October 14th, 2007 arriving passenger at Vancouver International Airport is TASER[®]ed and subsequently dies*

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CURRENT CONTROVERSY IN CANADA:



- *The video is broadcast Nationwide on November 15th, 2007*

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Millions watch Taser video

November 15th, 2007

Politicians demanding a full-blown review into Polish Immigrant's Death



VANCOUVER — Revulsion, anger, sadness and support have greeted the release of a video showing a Polish immigrant's confrontation with RCMP at Vancouver International Airport, an encounter that ended in his death. Millions of people around the world have watched the video of Robert Dziekanski's final moments on the Internet or TV via Canadian broadcasters and foreign outlets such as CNN, ABC and BBC.

VIEWER DISCRETION ADVISED: Watch the video of Robert Dziekanski being Tasered by police.

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CURRENT CONTROVERSY IN CANADA:

- *Media show the video footage repeatedly for days across the Nation and around the world*
- *Driven by media perspectives and limited information from the Law Enforcement community the nation is outraged*
- *Canadian anger against law enforcement is invoked in an unprecedented fashion*
- *Criminal Charges of murder are called for*
- *Moratoriums on CEWs are called for*

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CURRENT CONTROVERSY IN CANADA:

- *Numerous Inquiries are initiated*
- *Federal Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Public Safety and National security*
- *Federal-Provincial-Territorial Justice Ministers Review*
- *Commission of Inquiry into CEW Use in British Columbia*
- *Numerous Provincial Reviews*
- *Canadian Police Research Centre CEW Review*

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CURRENT CONTROVERSY IN CANADA:

- *The outcomes of these reviews remain to be seen*
- *The implications are many*
 - *No change*
 - *Restrictions on use*
 - *Moratorium*

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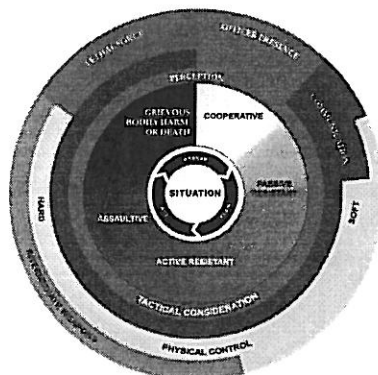


POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS:

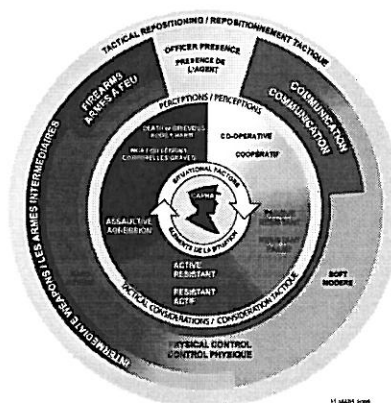
- *Standardized non-vendor-based CEW training (Operators and Instructors)*
- *Standardized CEW Policy including threshold for use*
- *Standardized National Subject Behaviour-Officer Response Reporting*
- *Uniform National Use of Force Framework/Model*

Use of Force Models in Canada

National Use of Force Framework



The officer continuously assesses the situation and acts in a reasonable manner to ensure officer and public safety.



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Subject Behaviour-Officer Response Reporting (SB/ORR)

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CASE # 00-2005-1233

SUBJECT BEHAVIOR-OFFICER RESPONSE

Did the subject exhibit only Co-operative behavior? Y/N ☐

Author completing Report: Officer ID:
 Officer Name:
 Assignment/Duty:

Officer applying Force: Officer ID:
 Officer Name:
 Assignment/Duty:

Name of Subject:
 Date of Birth of Subject: / /
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SITUATIONAL/ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

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Subject history or other related information known to officer prior to contact (ie., violence reported/observed in complaint, criminal record, specialized skills/training, weapons, history, etc.) free text: 3-4 lines

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Describe sequence in Narrative

*Mark all that apply with X
 Passive Resistant ☐ Active Resistant ☐ Assaultive ☐
 Directed at officer? ☐

Death or Grievous Bodily Harm ☐
 Directed at officer? ☐

Briefly describe selected behaviour(s) including any pre-assault cues (ie., glaring, verbal threats, threatening body language, etc.): free text 3-4 lines

Was the subject in possession or believed to be in possession of a weapon?
 Y/N ☐

Impact Weapon ☐ Edged Weapon ☐ Firearm ☐
 Other:

Officer's perception of Exhibited Influences:
 Emotionally Disturbed Person ☐ Drugs ☐ Alcohol ☐ Unknown ☐

Additional remarks if required:

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