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December 15, 2008

BPC #08-0492A

The Honorable City Council
City of Los Angeles
c/o City Clerk's Office
City Hall, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members:

RE: CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION
OF X-26 TASERS

At the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held Tuesday, November 25, 2008,
the Board APPROVED the Department's report relative to the above matter.

This matter is being forwarded to you for approval.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

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ISABEL ROSAS
Commission Executive Assistant II

Attachment

c: Chief of Police

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TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Chief of Police


RICHARD M. TEPANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

11/13/08
DATE

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF X-26 TASERS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS


- 1. That the Board APPROVE and TRANSMIT the attached report to the City Council.

DISCUSSION

The attached report outlines the distribution plan for the Model X-26 TASERS being purchased by the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur, Commanding Officer, Incident Management & Training Bureau, at (213) 485-6827.

Respectfully,



WILLIAM J. BRATTON
Chief of Police

BOARD OF
POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Approved November 25, 2008
Secretary Isabel Rosas

Attachment

SUPPLEMENTAL FACT SHEET

CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO TASERS

Prepared by
Incident Management & Training Bureau

November 6, 2008

Background. The Public Safety Committee requested at its August 4, 2008 meeting that the Commanding Officer of Incident Management & Training Bureau provide additional information regarding the distribution of the X-26 TASERS to officers and detectives conducting field investigations.

X26 TASER Distribution Plan

Upon the procurement of the X-26 TASERS, the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) plans to distribute them as follows:

- 50 assigned to Firearms-Tactics Section, Training Division, for training purposes.
- 600 will initially remain at Training Division and be issued to recruit officers as classes graduate beginning January 2009. This number of TASERS will allow classes graduating through June to be issued the X26 TASER. TASERS issued to individuals will be tracked on the employee's gun card.
- 625 will be distributed and assigned to officers in each geographic Area and specialized divisions as described in the June 14, 2007 TASER report submitted to the City Council. The Department determined that the number of X26 TASERS to be assigned to each Area, Division or Specialized entity would be based upon the percentage of officers assigned as documented by the Field Deployment Unit, Office of Operations. The last deployment plan was prepared by Training Division in June 2007. Upon receipt of the X26 TASER order, Training Division will update the deployment plan based on current personnel numbers.

The updated distribution plan will include an estimate of the total number of officers to be assigned to the two new Geographic Areas expected to early 2009. In addition, Training Division, Metropolitan Division, All Traffic Divisions, Special Investigations Section (SIS), Archangel and Commission Investigations Section are included in the distribution plan. This plan was designed to provide Office of Operations with equitable deployment of the new X26 TASER throughout the City.

M26 TASER Distribution

Upon distribution of the X26 TASERS, Training Division will collect the remaining M26 TASERS from the field and inspect the equipment. Currently it is estimated that there are approximately 750 M26 TASERS still in good working condition. Upon completion of the inspection, the M26 TASERS will be redistributed based upon the formula above to the Area, Divisions and Sections to be placed in the kit room and deployed daily by those officers who have not been issued an X26 TASER.

X26 TASER Deployment Guidelines

The commanding officers of each entity will be responsible for the initial distribution of X26 TASERs to employees based on the percentage of officers assigned to the watch, and then to individuals who are identified as those primarily assigned to the field. The following will be considerations for assignment:

- Full duty personnel
- Personnel assigned to the basic cars: A, L and X cars primarily responsible for response to radio calls
- Balanced distribution so that all deployed black and white police units can field a TASER

To offset the concern that on occasion a basic car may not have an officer who has been issued an X26 TASER, the M26 TASERs will be deployed daily from the kit room. Watch Commanders will be responsible to ensure all fully charged M26 TASERs are deployed by officers who are not assigned an X26. It will be the responsibility of the watch commanders and field supervisors to ensure that the M26 TASERs continue to be deployed daily by officers who are not assigned an X26 TASER.

Prepared by:
Incident Management & Training Bureau

AGENDA DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2008

OPEN SESSION

ITEM NO. 8-C

DEPARTMENT'S REPORT, dated October 22, 2008, relative to City Council action (CF #07-2473), relative to the purchase and distribution of X-26 Tasers, as set forth. [BPC #08-0492]

Recommendation(s) for Board action:

1. APPROVE the Department's report and TRANSMIT to City Council.

Commissioner Skobin moved, seconded by Commissioner Mack, to CONTINUE the Department's report. Unanimously adopted.

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OCT 22 2008

TO: The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

REVIEWED POLICE COMMISSION

FROM: Chief of Police

Richard M. Yefank

RICHARD M. YEFANK
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
10/22/08
DATE

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF X-26 TASERS

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- 1. That the Board APPROVE and TRANSMIT the attached report to the City Council.

DISCUSSION

The attached report outlines the distribution plan for the Model X-26 TASERS being purchased by the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur, Commanding Officer, Incident Management & Training Bureau, at (213) 485-6827.

Respectfully,

William J. Bratton

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WILLIAM J. BRATTON
Chief of Police

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SUPPLEMENTAL FACT SHEET

CITY COUNCIL ACTION RELATIVE TO TASERS

Prepared by
Incident Management & Training Bureau

September 30, 2008

Background. During the Public Safety Committee meeting on August 4, 2008, the Committee requested that the Commanding Officer of Incident Management & Training Bureau provide an amended distribution plan for the X-26 TASERS. The Chief of Police has agreed to modify the X-26 TASER distribution plan as requested by the Public Safety Committee.

TASER Distribution Plan

Upon the procurement of the X-26 TASERS, the Los Angeles Police Department (Department) plans to distribute them to each geographic Area and specialized division as described in the June 14, 2007 TASER report submitted to the City Council. The Department determined that the number of X-26 TASERS to be assigned to each Area, Division or Specialized entity would be based upon the percentage of officers assigned as documented by the Field Deployment Unit, Office of Operations. The last deployment plan was prepared by Training Division in June 2007.

Upon receipt of the X-26 TASER order, Training Division will update the deployment plan based on current personnel numbers. The distribution percentage was derived by dividing the total number of officers assigned to a geographic Area by the total number of officers assigned to all Areas as described in the June 14, 2007 TASER report to the City Council. The latest distribution plan will include an estimate of the total number of officers that will be assigned to the two new Geographic Areas expected to open by the close of 2008. In addition, Training Division, Metropolitan Division, all Traffic Divisions, Special Investigations Section (SIS), Archangel and Commission Investigations Section are included in the distribution plan. This plan was designed to provide Office of Operations with equitable deployment of the new X-26 TASER throughout the City.

TASER Daily Deployment Plan

The Department will pool the X-26 TASERS in the respective kit rooms and will deploy the TASERS at the start of each watch, the same manner the shotguns, vehicles and radios are currently deployed. The watch commander will be responsible to ensure the maximum number of TASERS are deployed in the field daily, ensuring that there are TASERS deployed on each watch.

As stated in the July 28th report, the X26 TASER is secured in a plastic holster which is carried on the officer's equipment belt similar to the holster used to secure the firearm. Watch commanders will monitor the condition of the holsters and watch for wear and deterioration to each holster that could be caused by repeatedly taking it on and off the equipment belt at change of watch as the holsters were not designed for such use. The Divisions will report if there appears to be any breakdown of the holsters to Training Division.

The M26 TASERS that are still in working condition will continue to be assigned daily from the kit room. It will be the responsibility of the watch commanders and field supervisors to ensure that the M26 TASERS continue to be deployed daily to units not assigned an X26 TASER.

TASER Deployment Guidelines

Training Division will be responsible for training the Department personnel on the use of the X26 TASER and for the distribution of all TASERs Department-wide. The watch commanders will be responsible for the daily distribution of all TASERs. The following will be the considerations for daily assignment:

- Full duty personnel
- Personnel assigned to patrol A, L and X cars primarily responsible for response to radio calls
- Specialized units
- Detectives

Training Division will continue to be responsible to train all recruit officers during the Recruit Basic Training Course and to coordinate all in-service training. Training Division continues to coordinate Department-wide distribution of all TASERs.

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Incident Management & Training Bureau