



**State of Connecticut**  
**Police Officer Standards and Training Council**  
**Connecticut Police Academy**



**GENERAL NOTICE 14-02**

**To:** Chief Law Enforcement Officers  
Training Officers  
Protective Services  
Resident Troopers

**From:** Thomas E. Flaherty  
Police Academy Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas E. Flaherty", written over the printed name.

**Date:** December 24, 2014

**Subject:** **Council Action – Adoption of the Model Policy Concerning the Use of Conducted Electronic Weapons by Police Officers Pursuant to Public Act No. 14-149 which SUPERSEDES General Notice No. 13-01**

At a Special Meeting of the Police Officer Standards and Training Council on December 22, 2014, the Council adopted the attached documents entitled “Model Policy – Use of Conducted Electrical Weapons” and “Electronic Defense Weapon Annual Report” pursuant to Public Act No. 14-149. This Council action supersedes the recommended model policy included in General Notice No. 13-01.

Also included with this notice is a Model Use of Force Report endorsed by the Council and this is recommended for implementation by those Law Enforcement agencies whose existing Use of Forces reports do not capture all of the data required in the Annual Report that is to be submitted to the Office of Policy and Management.

The Council has additionally included with this notice, a copy of Public Act No. 14-149.

Please note that Public Act No. 14-149 requires “each law enforcement agency that authorizes a police officer employed by such agency to use an electronic defense weapon shall: (A) Not later than **JANUARY 31, 2015** adopt and maintain a written policy that meets or exceeds the



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model policy developed by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council regarding the use of an electronic defense weapon”; (B) “require police officers to document any use of an electronic defense weapon in use-of-force reports”; (C) “not later than January fifteenth following each calendar year in which an electronic defense weapon is used, prepare an annual report using the form developed and promulgated by the Police Officer Standards and Training Council” which includes:

- (i.) “data downloaded from the electronic defense weapons after their use”
- (ii.) “data compiled from the use of force reports”
- (iii.) “statistics on each use of an electronic defense weapon, including, but not limited to,”
  - a. “the race and gender of each person on whom the electronic defense weapon was used, provided the identification of such characteristics shall be based on the observation and perception of the police officer that used the electronic defense weapons”
  - b. “the number of times the electronic defense weapon was activated and used on such person”
  - c. “the injury, if any, suffered by such person against whom the electronic defense was used”
  - d. “if the electronic defense that was used had different modes, the mode used”.

The Public Act also requires that not later than January 15, 2016 and annually thereafter, the law enforcement agency shall submit a report to the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division within the Office of Policy and Management.

Not later than January 15, 2016, and annually thereafter, a law enforcement agency that does not authorize police officers employed by such agency to use an electronic defense weapon shall submit a report to the Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division with the Office of Policy and Management stating that such agency does not authorize its officers to use electronic defense weapons.

It should be noted, because of the number of data points that must be captured on the Electronic Defense Weapon Annual Report, the forms should be submitted to OPM per the instructions on the form “as soon as practicable after approval by the submitting agency”.

Finally, the Use of Force Report is distributed to be employed at the option of a law enforcement agency to meet the requirements of reporting such uses.

This policy can be found at the POST website [www.ct.gov/post](http://www.ct.gov/post).

Questions or comments may be directed to my attention in writing either by e-mail or letter.