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# ACT Policing Written Instruction on Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) for ACT Policing Personnel

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## 1. Disclosure and Compliance

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In accordance with the AFP National Guideline on the Governance Instrument Framework, this instrument is classed as 'Other Written Instruction'.

This instruction has an AFP governance role but is not part of the Governance Instrument Framework (GIF) and is therefore excluded from it. The status of this instruction is 'advice on better practice'.

This document contains information and procedures for particular business practices. The AFP expects appointees to apply it in the workplace. Non-compliance will be initially addressed as a personal competency/work performance issue rather than a conduct issue pursuant to the Australian Federal Police Commissioner's Order on Professional Standards (CO2).

## 2. Application

This instruction is to be read in conjunction with Commissioners Order 3 and applies specifically to ACT Policing personnel trained and authorised in the use of CEW.

## 3. Acronyms

<b>AFP</b>	Australian Federal Police
<b>CO3</b>	Commissioners Order 3
<b>DCPO-R</b>	Deputy Chief Police Officer Response
<b>CEW</b>	Conducted Energy Weapon
<b>OSC</b>	Operational Safety Committee
<b>TRC</b>	Taser Review Committee
<b>ESC</b>	Executive Steering Committee
<b>PRS</b>	Professional Standards

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## 4. Context

In order to proactively mitigate risks to police and the public arising from exceptional situations which can occur in the policing environment, ACT Policing has expanded the issue of CEW capability to appropriately trained and authorised members.

## 5. Carriage

CEW must only be carried by appropriately trained and authorised ACT Policing members.

ACT Policing members achieve an authorised status by:

- a. completing the appropriate training and being deemed competent in the use of CEWs
- b. The Chief Police Officer issuing an authorisation, taking into consideration section 7 (subsections 2, 3 & 4) the *AFP Commissioner's Order on Use of Force (CO3)*, and considering these police officers to be suitably qualified to use CEWs.

A list of all designated ACT Policing members is maintained by the Taser Review Committee Secretariat.

## 6. Reporting and Oversight

All instances of CEW use by ACT Policing members will be subject to review by the ACT Policing Taser Review Committee (TRC).

The TRC is chaired by DCPO-R and is chartered by its Terms of Reference to:

- i. review all incidents where a CEW was *used* for the purposes of Commissioner's Order 3;
- ii. determine whether the use of a CEW was in accordance with Commissioner's Order 3;
- iii. initiate remedial or other action deemed appropriate in relation to the continued safe operation and use of CEW;
- iv. provide advice to Professional Standards (PRS) and the AFP Operational Safety Committee (OSC) in relation to all incidents; and
- v. report quarterly to ACT Policing Executive Steering Committee (ESC) on incidents and trends in the use of CEW.

## 7. References

Commissioners Order 3