CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES (TASER)

1. Policy statement

Given the increased security threat level all frontline uniformed officers should be given the option of carrying a conducted energy device (CED) and be provided with suitable training in its use.

With fewer officers patrolling our streets many officers are required to patrol alone. This has to be measured in the communities with which they serve but officers must be equipped with the best safety equipment available.

2. Responsibility

The INB is responsible for all policy formation.

3. Summary

With more frontline officers working alone, PFEW believes that it is paramount that our members have the best possible equipment to protect them. PFEW wants to see a wider roll-out of CEDs and training in its use to all frontline officers, not just to firearms officers and other specialists.

Any officer authorised to carry a CED must be fully trained to do so and there are strict procedures and safeguards in place to ensure all officers are fully accountable.

PFEW urges Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners to invest in more CED trained and equipped officers to help protect those protecting their communities. The government should provide extra money for the supply of CEDs and training for frontline officers and we will put pressure on them to achieve this.

4. Procedures/implementation

Through the Operational Policing Sub-Committee PFEW will work with NPCC, individual chief officers, PSAEW and the Home Office to progress this as a matter of urgency.

Responsibility is delegated to the General Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.

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Signed by:

Chairman

General Secretary