

# Victoria Police Manual

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## Conducted energy devices

### Context

The use of conducted energy devices (CEDs) by Victoria Police approved specialist and primary response units provides members with an increased range of tactical options with which to safely manage a critical or high-risk incident. This policy outlines the specific requirements regarding the carriage and use of CEDs, aftercare and the reporting/investigating requirements that apply following the use of CEDs.

### Policy at a glance

This policy includes:

- the responsibilities of all Victoria Police employees regarding the use and handling of CEDs, including risk factors for consideration in the deployment of CEDs
- procedures following the discharge of a CED, including debriefing and the provision of aftercare
- equipment management rules for the issuing, transportation, storage and return of CEDs, CED batteries and cartridges
- instructions for CED data and evidence management.

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## Definitions

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**Administrative duties** – includes the procurement, issue and receipt, storage, uploading, charging, testing, maintenance, transportation and disposal of a CED.

**Conducted energy device** – an article designed or adapted to emit an electric current into a human body for the purposes of incapacitation.

**Discharge** – electrical current delivered in probe deployment or drive stun mode.

**Qualified member** – a member who:

- has qualified in the Victoria Police approved CED user course
- holds a current Operational Safety and Tactics Training (OSTT) qualification (inclusive of CED requalification) and
- is performing duties requiring the carriage of a CED as a part of those duties (refer to section 3.1 of this policy).

**Qualified employee** – an employee who has:

- qualified in the Victoria Police approved Victorian Police Learning Hub CED Awareness course and other mandatory CED training to undertake approved administrative duties of a CED, or
- qualified in the Victoria Police approved CED Awareness online course and other mandatory CED training and is undertaking official duties to deliver CED training.

**Use** – includes the following:

- draw and cover
- warning arc
- probe deployment
- re energise
- drive stun mode.

**Draw and cover** – removing the CED from the holster, arming the CED and:

- covering the person, or
- having it at the ready in anticipation of entering a possible hostile environment.

**Drive stun mode** – utilises the electrodes on the front of the CED to make contact with a person (either by pressing or pushing) and discharging a CED against them.

**Probe deployment** – discharge of probes from a CED cartridge.

**Re energise** – following a successful probe deployment, re energising is the method of delivering a further cycle to a person through the existing probes and wires.

**Warning arc** – audible and visible display of electricity arcing across the front of the CED to act as a deterrent.

Also refer to the general VPM Dictionary for other definitions and acronyms.

## Scope and application

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This policy applies to all employees. Due to the specialist nature of their duties and deployment, the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) and Special Operations Group (SOG) may also refer to their standard operating procedures for CED carriage, activation and debriefing.

## Policies and procedures

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### 1. Conducted energy device and cartridges

- Only an approved Victoria Police CED may be issued, carried or used.
- Only approved operational cartridges are to be issued, carried or used for operational duties.

### 2. Qualified staff responsibilities

CEDs are regulated under the *Control of Weapons Act 1990* and a Governor in Council Exemption Order.

Qualified members/employees issued with a CED are responsible for:

- the safe handling of the CED
- the lawful use of the CED
- ensuring the approved CED, battery and cartridges are kept in a safe and serviceable condition.

### 3. Operational carriage of a conducted energy device

#### 3.1 *All members*

- CEDs must only be carried:
  - by a qualified member
  - on the reaction side of the ballistic vest or equipment belt
  - when loaded with two approved operational cartridges.
- Qualified members must carry CEDs as part of their operational safety equipment when performing duties from a work unit where CEDs have been assigned. Refer to **VPM Operational safety equipment** for further information.

### 4. Use of a conducted energy device

#### 4.1 *General criteria*

- A CED should only be drawn where danger is anticipated.
- A CED must only be discharged when a member reasonably believes it is necessary in accordance with:
  - sections 462A, 463B or 322K, *Crimes Act 1958* or
  - other specific legal powers (e.g., legislative provisions or common law).
- A CED must only be discharged when a member believes on reasonable grounds it is necessary and proportionate in a situation where:
  - violence or serious physical confrontation has occurred or is imminent or
  - a person is involved in violent or other physical conduct which is likely to seriously injure themselves or another person or result in the death of themselves or another person or
  - where appropriate, to deter attacking animals.

- CEDs must not be used:
  - against people offering passive resistance (e.g., refusing to move, offering little or no physical resistance, refusing to comply with police instructions, acting as a dead weight)
  - against people who are handcuffed unless exceptional circumstances exist
  - punitively for purposes of coercion or as a prod to make a person move
  - to rouse unconscious, impaired or intoxicated people.
- CEDs may only be discharged for administrative purposes when unloaded or loaded with approved inert or expended operational cartridges.
- The use of CEDs must also comply with the use of force provisions outlined in **VPM Operational safety and the use of force**.

#### 4.2 *Activation and draw or discharge in an operational environment*

- When considering the use of a CED, a risk assessment must be conducted and be re-assessed continuously. The risk assessment should include:
  - the apparent vulnerability of the person
  - the number of cycles used and their effectiveness
  - the surrounding environment
  - any other relevant factors.
- When using a CED:
  - members must immediately arm the CED when it is drawn from the holster
  - SOG and CIRT members should arm the CED in accordance with their own workplace standard operating procedures
  - members must not discharge a CED on a person for more than one discharge unless the member is satisfied, after conducting a risk assessment, that further discharges are required
  - members should avoid aiming at the face/head, throat, chest, groin, or any intimate part of the body (as defined within s.464(2), Crimes Act) due to an increased risk of serious injury to the person.

#### 4.3 *Environmental considerations – conducted energy devices should not be used*

Due to the increased risks associated with secondary injuries, CEDs should not be used in certain environmental circumstances including:

- as a crowd control measure (e.g., for crowd dispersal at a demonstration or industrial dispute)
- against the driver of a vehicle or the operator of machinery where there is a danger of the driver of the vehicle or the operator of machinery losing control and injuring any person, including themselves
- near explosive materials, flammable liquids or gases due to the possibility of ignition
- where there is a likelihood of significant secondary injuries (particularly concussive brain injury) from a fall (e.g., standing on a ladder or other elevated position)
- where there is a risk of drowning.

#### 4.4 *Tactical considerations – drive stun mode*

A CED must only be used in drive stun mode if exceptional circumstances exist.

Exceptional circumstances include where:

- there has been ineffective probe deployment and drive stun is required to complete the circuit
- probe deployment may be ineffective due to an inability to maintain a safe or tactical distance from the person and the circumstances are such that the safety of any person is at risk.

#### 4.5 *Voluntary exposure*

- Voluntary exposure to a CED (probe deployment, drive stun or any other activation which causes neuro muscular incapacitation to any person) is not permitted at any time during training or otherwise.
- Voluntary exposure to electrical current familiarisation is only to occur in line with approved training sessions.

#### 4.6 *Health considerations*

- The discharge of a CED against certain categories of people may place them at increased medical risk. The discharge against vulnerable people may subject the member to an increased level of scrutiny. A risk assessment must be conducted and be re-assessed continuously.
- Medically high-risk situations can include, but are not limited to:
  - discharge of probes across the person's chest
  - multiple discharges of a CED.
- The following people are considered to be more vulnerable to serious medical consequences as a result of a CED discharge:
  - a person who is pregnant
  - the elderly
  - the infirm
  - children
  - people of low body weight
  - people under the influence of certain illicit drugs (including amphetamines and cocaine)
  - people experiencing mental health issues
  - people with pre-existing heart conditions.
- Aftercare must be provided as soon as possible to any person exposed to a CED discharge.

### 5. *Aftercare*

#### 5.1 *Member responsibilities*

Members have a responsibility to ensure the safety, security and wellbeing of any person in their care or custody. Where a person has been subjected to a discharge, the member in charge of the incident must:

- arrange an assessment by a medical professional by either:

- requesting an ambulance, or
- if more practicable, transporting the person directly to a medical facility for assessment provided the transport is in accordance with **VPM Management of people in police care or custody**.
- ensure the responding medical professional is informed that the person was exposed to a CED and any other relevant factors about the person
- provide the medical professional with an 'Information for Medical Professionals' information sheet
- communicate to the person at the first available opportunity that they have been exposed to a CED and that there may be health risks associated with CED exposure
- provide the person with an 'Advice for Individuals' information sheet.

## 5.2 *Physical injury*

If a physical injury is claimed or observed, members must:

- make note of any injury observed and any injury described by the person
- photograph the injury or afflicted area, or the area of the injury as described by the person and secure as evidence (except if an intimate area as defined within s.464(2), Crimes Act).

## 5.3 *Removing probes*

- Only CED qualified members may remove probes from a person with the person's consent.
- Probes must be removed in a manner that least interferes with the privacy, health and dignity of the person.
- No attempt must be made by a member to remove probes if:
  - they have penetrated any major vessels, the face, neck, eyes or an intimate part of the body (as defined within s.464(2), Crimes Act)
  - the person does not consent to police members removing the probes.

## 5.4 *Temporary cognitive impairment*

- In addition to the aftercare responsibilities, where a person has been exposed to a CED discharge:
  - questioning of the person, which may later be relied on in criminal or civil proceedings, must not occur for at least one hour after the discharge
  - prior to any questioning after the one-hour period, caution and rights must be administered to ensure the admissibility of any admissions or conversations.
- Refer to **VPM Interviews and statements** for further considerations.

# 6. Investigation, oversight and reporting

## 6.1 *Oversight when a conducted energy device is drawn or discharged in an operational environment*

- The patrol supervisor must be notified upon any use of a CED (inclusive of warning arc or draw and cover).

- A patrol supervisor or divisional patrol supervisor must attend, take charge and secure the CED, battery and cartridges in an approved gun carry case with either a tamper proof security seal or lock when a CED has been discharged.
- In instances where the CED has been used, the patrol supervisor or divisional patrol supervisor may determine the appropriate level of immediate notification required depending on the circumstances of the incident.

## 6.2 *Reporting and investigation following use in an operational environment*

- The patrol supervisor must ensure that:
  - upon any CED use (including draw and cover), Use of Force App reports are completed and submitted in accordance with **VPM Operational safety and the use of force**
  - an Incident Fact Sheet (IFS) is submitted where a CED has been discharged or where an IFS is required in accordance with **VPM Operational duties and responsibilities**.
- Where the CED has been discharged, the CED, along with any supporting evidence, must be provided to the work unit manager (or senior manager where the member who discharged the CED is the work unit manager) at the earliest opportunity to enable data download from the CED. Employees must also comply with **VPM Body worn cameras**.
- If a death or serious injury occurs following a CED exposure, members must comply with **VPM Death and serious injury/illness incidents involving police**.

## 6.3 *Return of conducted energy devices to service*

- Following a discharge by a CED, the CED and CED battery must be secured by a patrol supervisor or divisional patrol supervisor and must not be returned to service until the CED's event log has been uploaded via docking of the battery.
- In the event of death or serious injury associated with the discharge of a CED, the CED must be withdrawn from service and its electrical output tested. The Armoury will arrange the testing or provide relevant advice. The CED must be managed as an exhibit. Refer to **VPM Property and exhibit management**.

## 6.4 *Debriefs*

The divisional commander must oversee a debrief in each incident where a CED was discharged or force was used as provided below.

The debrief must be conducted by a senior sergeant or above in any of the following circumstances:

- the CED was discharged
- the CED was drawn and force (other than handcuffing) was used to effect an arrest
- the use of the CED resulted in injury (other than probe punctures)
- unintentional discharge other than in a training environment.

The debrief must be conducted by an inspector or above in any of the following circumstances:

- the discharge of the CED resulted in serious injury
- the CED was used against:
  - a pregnant person
  - the elderly
  - the infirm
  - children.
- the CED has been handled or used contrary to policy or training
- probe removal is other than routine. i.e., requires surgical removal
- employees were injured by the CED
- more than three discharges of the CED (cartridge deployments, drive stun or combination of).

Refer to CED Station Procedures Manual for the debrief template and further information.

## 6.5 *Unintentional discharge*

- Unless in an approved training environment, in the event of unintentional discharge, members must:
  - notify the patrol supervisor, who will complete an IFS and determine the appropriate level of notification and call out, depending on the circumstances of the incident (level of injury and seriousness of the incident is to be considered)
  - complete and submit a Use of Force App report
  - participate in a debrief.
- The member's OSTT qualification must be managed in accordance with **VPM Operational safety and tactics training qualifications**.

## 7. Cartridge retention and probe disposal

### 7.1 *Cartridge retention following use*

- When a CED has been discharged against a person and the cartridge/s retained for evidence, both **VPM Property and exhibit management** and **VPM Seized property and special property types** apply.
- The patrol supervisor or divisional patrol supervisor at the incident must ensure that:
  - the CED is stored in the approved gun carry case with either a tamper proof security seal or lock
  - the divisional patrol supervisor (if not already in attendance) is notified
  - the appropriate notifications are made, dependent on the circumstances of the incident.
- The station commander must ensure that:

- the CED cartridges, together with the probes are stored in accordance with the *Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009* and station/regional regulations
- the cartridge is retained for a minimum of 90 days or until the conclusion of any subsequent court or internal proceedings
- movement of the cartridge is recorded, including disposal in accordance with exhibit management protocols (see **VPM Property and exhibit management**).
- cartridges and probes that are considered as biohazardous waste are stored in a biohazard container.

## 7.2 *Probe disposal*

The work unit manager must ensure all probes are disposed of in accordance with *Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009*.

Local arrangements for disposal of sharps or other biological waste apply.

# 8. Security of footage and data

## 8.1 *Classification and management*

All footage and data collected and retained from CED use is property belonging to Victoria Police and is subject to the security and access requirements set out in:

- **VPM Information categorisation, collection and recording**
- **VPMP Information use, handling and storage**
- **VPMP Information sharing**
- **VPM Recording devices, CCTV and digital asset management**
- **VPMP Information review, retention and disposal**
- **VPMG Information privacy**
- **VPM Body worn cameras.**

## 8.2 *Data download from conducted energy devices*

- Data from a CED must be downloaded before:
  - it is removed from Victoria Police possession (for example for court or review purposes)
  - any service or repair.

- Data from a CED is auditable and use of data requires a legitimate business need, which may include brief compilation or investigative purposes.

Employees must also comply with **VPMP Information use, handling and storage**.

- If the CED data is unable to be downloaded due to a malfunction of the battery unit or station infrastructure, the battery must be withdrawn from service and processed as a faulty battery with a notation that it contains relevant data.
- For information on downloading footage refer to **VPM Body Worn Cameras**.

## 8.3 *Release of information*

- Requests (other than defence requests) for access to CED data must be made to the relevant divisional commander.

- The Divisional Commander, Operational Safety Division, People Development Command must authorise the use of CED data before it can be used in training. Refer to **VPMP Information sharing**.
- Direct requests under Freedom of Information (FOI) are to be made to the FOI Division.
- All data must be stored and viewed securely in accordance with **VPM Recording devices, CCTV and digital asset management** and **VPMP Information sharing**.

## 9. Investigation and prosecution of offences

### 9.1 *Brief preparation*

Where members seek Taser X2 model CED footage for brief preparation:

- the request must be made to the work unit manager responsible for the footage
- if approved, a true copy of the recorded incident is to be produced
- members are to use this copy as a court copy.

### 9.2 *Prosecution access*

Prosecutors may obtain the copy from the member prior to court proceedings to assist with their preparation for court.

### 9.3 *Introduction of Taser X2 model conducted energy device footage as evidence*

- When introducing and to facilitate acceptance of CED evidence, the informant (or corroborating member) is to provide sworn evidence that they:
  - caused the recording to commence by arming the CED
  - submitted a request to the work unit manager for a copy of the footage and received a DVD containing the footage
  - can confirm that the DVD presented before the court is the copy issued to them
  - can confirm that the footage recorded and presented to the court is a true record of the event from the CED system.
- Where the informant believes that the CED evidence may be challenged, a 'Statement of Continuity' will be prepared and provided by the member who uploaded and/or downloaded the CED footage and data.

### 9.4 *Defence requests*

- The accused is permitted to view the relevant footage. The viewing is to be at a time mutually convenient to the informant and the accused and, where the accused or their defence requests, in private.
- If the informant does not have access to a copy of the relevant footage, they can make a formal application to the work unit manager for the material and an evidentiary copy will be provided.
- For defence requests made under the *Criminal Procedure Act 2009*, refer to **VPMG Brief preparation and management**.

## 10. Workplace procedures

### 10.1 *Accountability*

- CEDs and CED batteries are accountable items and must be handled like any other accountable property. Refer to **VPM Operational safety equipment** and Workplace Standards and Inspection Manual.
- Employees must not modify any CED equipment without approval. Engraving or otherwise permanently or semi-permanently marking a CED or cartridge is not permitted. Refer to **VPM Operational safety equipment** for further information.
- Where a breach of safety (refer to section 9.3 of this policy) involving a CED is identified, the matter is to be managed in accordance with **VPM Operational safety and tactics training qualifications**.
- A CED safety breach or discipline matter that causes suspension or revocation of a member's CED qualification, will also cause suspension or revocation of the member's OSTT qualification.

### 10.2 *Issuing conducted energy devices and cartridges*

- An equipment issue officer must record the movement of all CEDs and batteries by scanning them in the Equipment Tracking Management System (ETMS), where available, otherwise in accordance with current local procedures for issuing and returning CEDs.
- Members issued with a CED must be issued two live cartridges with shipping covers/safety clips attached.
- For further information refer to **VPM Operational safety equipment**.

### 10.3 *Serviceability and loading/unloading of conducted energy devices*

Failure to adhere to any of the provisions in this section constitutes a breach of safety.

- CEDs must be maintained in an operational ready condition and tested in accordance with the conditions specified in the CED Station Procedures Manual.
- Members must only load and unload at the approved safe load/unload area and in the manner instructed during the Victoria Police approved CED user course.
- Employees performing administrative duties must only handle CEDs in line with their approved Victoria Police CED training.
- When issued with a CED and cartridges at the commencement of the shift, members must:
  - inspect the cartridges to ensure they are free from damage
  - check the expiration dates on the cartridges
  - inspect the CED for visible signs of damage
  - check the battery level on the Central Information Display (CID) as outlined in the CED Station Procedures Manual
  - conduct an arc test for a five second duration. Ensure there is a visible arc between the electrodes, the audible tone alerts after three seconds and the auto shut down activates after five seconds.
  - conduct a serviceability check by inspecting the CID after loading the cartridges.
- CEDs must be immediately holstered once safe load procedure is complete.

- Any faulty CED, CED battery or cartridge must be noted and managed as per section 11.2 of this policy.

#### 10.4 *Returning conducted energy devices*

- When returning equipment to the equipment issue officer, at the conclusion of a shift, members must:
  - return CEDs in the unloaded condition
  - separate batteries from CEDs
  - return cartridges with shipping covers/safety clips attached.
- Unless exceptional circumstances apply, equipment issue officers must ensure the requirements of this section are complied with.
- For further information refer to **VPM Operational safety equipment**.

#### 10.5 *Storing conducted energy devices*

- When not in approved use, a CED must be:
  - stored in an unloaded condition
  - separated from cartridges and holsters
  - secured in a designated CED location
  - stored in accordance with item 2 of Schedule 4 of the *Firearms Act 1996*.
- The storage of CEDs at venues such as the Melbourne Custody Centre, courts and hospitals must comply with the requirements for firearms at these venues.

#### 10.6 *Cartridge storage*

Cartridges must be:

- secured with shipping covers/safety clips prior to storage
- stored separately from the CED
- regularly inspected for damage (replace damaged cartridges immediately)
- returned to OSTT venues 12 months prior to the cartridge expiration date as per the CED Station Procedures Manual.

#### 10.7 *Charging conducted energy devices*

When charging the CED battery, it must:

- only be charged and subsequently removed in the CED docking station provided as instructed in the CED Station Procedures Manual.
- be stored securely in accordance with section 9.5 of this policy.

### 11. Specialised conducted energy device equipment

#### 11.1 *Carriage system*

- Members must only use the approved Victoria Police CED carriage systems.
- The CED must be carried in an authorised carriage system on the member's reaction side (opposite side to the firearm) on ballistic vest, equipment belt or other approved location. The Operational Safety Division is responsible for determining

the approved carriage locations and authorised carriage systems for operational safety equipment.

### 11.2 *Conducted energy device compliant oleoresin capsicum product*

All stations/units must carry the Victoria Police approved CED compliant oleoresin capsicum product.

## 12. Lost, stolen or faulty conducted energy devices

### 12.1 *Lost or stolen*

- Where a Victoria Police issue CED is lost or stolen, the employee who had possession of the CED or identifies the loss must immediately:
  - notify patrol supervisor and Police Communications
  - submit LEAP reports with 'Victoria Police' as the victim
  - submit a Security Incident Registry report [Form T200]
  - submit a Theft and Loss of Property report [Form VP 1409]
  - submit a Lost Property report [Form VP 220D]
  - report loss/theft, via chain of command, to the divisional commander who must forward an incident report via PBEA: ARMOURY-MGR
  - where ETMS is available, update accordingly to ensure compliance with the end of shift count.
- Where the CED is subsequently recovered or held as an exhibit, the investigating member must notify the Armoury via PBEA: ARMOURY-MGR and submit a supplementary LEAP report.

### 12.2 *Faulty conducted energy device or equipment*

- Upon identifying a fault with a CED, CED battery or cartridge, the employee must:
  - not attempt to fix the fault
  - immediately notify a supervisor
  - notify the equipment issue officer

An equipment issue officer must:

- complete a Uniform and Equipment Fault form and forward to the Armoury via PBEA: ARMOURY-MGR
  - arrange for the faulty CED, CED battery or cartridge to be returned to the Armoury
  - where ETMS is available, ensure the CED or CED battery condition is set to faulty.
- Unless exceptional circumstances dictate an immediate response, do not expose the CED, CED battery or cartridges to extreme moisture. If this occurs, employees:
    - must remove the battery
    - must not under any circumstance attempt to unload the CED
    - must not attempt to use the CED
    - must leave the CED secured in the holster or immediately holster the CED
    - must store the CED and cartridges in a gun carry case
    - must notify the equipment issue officer who is responsible for securing the faulty CED and/or cartridges.

### 12.3 *Cleaning*

CEDs must be cleaned after exposure to water, condensation, dirt, dust or other contaminants. Refer to the CED Station Procedures Manual for instructions on how to clean CEDs.

## 13. Transportation of conducted energy devices

### 13.1 *General*

When transporting CEDs employees must:

- carry the CEDs in a locked gun carry case secured using padlocks
- not carry cartridges unless authorised by the work unit manager (if authorised, cartridges are to be kept separate from the CEDs)
- transport the cartridges with the shipping covers/safety clips on
- take the most direct route available to minimise the time the CEDs are in transit
- keep possession of the CEDs at all times.

### 13.2 *Transportation of conducted energy devices in vehicles*

When transporting a CED in a vehicle, employees must do so in accordance with **VPM Police vehicles**.

## 14. Use of conducted energy devices in training

### 14.1 *Authorisation*

- The use of CEDs is permitted during authorised training exercises by qualified CED instructors. Authorisation is to the same standard referred to in **VPM Operational safety equipment**.

### 14.2 *Training cartridges*

- Training cartridges will be supplied for use within the Victoria Police approved CED user and instructor courses.
- Expired operational cartridges may be used within Victoria Police approved CED user and instructor training courses.
- OSTT venue managers and instructors are responsible for ensuring that the correct cartridges are used during training and are collected and accounted for at the conclusion of the training.

### 14.3 *Conduct of authorised training*

Prior to any training the instructor must:

- conduct a risk assessment of the relevant venue
- inspect training aids with the safety officer
- ensure the safety and security of the equipment, participants and any observers.

## Related documents

- VPM Operational safety equipment
- VPM Operational safety and tactics training qualifications
- VPM Operational safety and the use of force
- VPMP Information use, handling and storage
- VPMP Information review, retention and disposal
- VPM Police vehicles
- VPM Body worn cameras

## Further advice and information

For further advice and assistance regarding this policy refer to:

- Conducted Energy Device (CED) Program intranet page
- CED Training - Delivery, Operational Safety Division, People Development Command

## Update history

| DATE UPDATED | SUMMARY OF CHANGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | FORCE FILE NUMBER                            |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 27/03/17     | Consolidated VPMP and VPMG Conducted energy devices. Updated all material with CED Project and Operations teams in line with current CED practice and policy                                                                                                                                                               | 097352 / 098224<br>097860 / 099237<br>097468 |
| 25/09/17     | Minor amendments due to review of policy led by CED project and CED operations team and PDC. The carriage arrangements allowing all members to be issued with CED in a single member patrols and all members of 2 or more person patrols carrying CEDS                                                                     | FF-097352                                    |
| 07/10/19     | In preparation of wider roll-out of CED devices - distinction of reporting requirements for discharge or drawing with use of force as separate events to other use to increase CED viability; amendments to better manage video recording of incidents following an expected increase in CED utilisation as a consequence. | FF-120738                                    |
| 17/11/2023   | Amended to reflect the Order in Council Exemption (Victoria, <i>Victoria Government Gazette</i> , No S 578, 20 October 2022) and the statewide rollout of CEDs.                                                                                                                                                            | FF-207403<br>FF-218418<br>FF-214607          |
| 06/12/2023   | Amended to replace CED transportation guidance with a reference to VPM Police vehicles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | FF-214607                                    |
| 17/07/2024   | Administrative amendment as a result of newly published VPM Recording devices, CCTV and digital asset management.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | FF-236615                                    |
| 26/05/2025   | Consequential amendment to replace reference to Use of Force Form 237, 237A-D with Use of Force App for 20/05/25 Use of Force App rollout<br>Amended to reflect decommissioning of TASER X2 CED model                                                                                                                      | FF-266536                                    |

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|  | and associated evidence management and training requirements, as well as changes to cartridge storage requirements. | FF-266013 |
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