

**North Carolina Department of Public Safety
Prisons
Policy Summary Sheet**



Use of Force

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All current changes are highlighted in yellow.

Specific Changes

.1502 Definitions

Page 1 added language to include new terms and definitions related to conducted electronic weapon. Specifically, Conducted Electronic Weapon (CEW) -- A CEW is a less-lethal device that uses electrical current, with the goal of achieving neuromuscular incapacitation, by the disruption of voluntary control of the muscles; Deploy -- means to fire a CEW cartridge sending the probes downrange; Drive Stun -- means to activate the CEW while holding it against the target, such that the CEW probes make contact with the target.

.1504 Procedures

Page 5 (c) amended to read:

(c) Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW):

1. CEWs are authorized for use by trained officers in the performance of their official duties to control or deter violent, threatening or aggressive acting offenders; or to defend officers or third parties from an imminent assault. A CEW

Commented [NC1]: ince the CEW is intended to be an equivalent to pepper spray, the authorizing language should be the same as that found above.

may be deployed against an offender; a CEW may be operated in drive stun mode when deployment is not feasible.

2. Use of a CEW by an officer shall be in compliance and consistent with the most current training guidelines.
3. Officers shall not display a CEW when force is not otherwise authorized.
4. Officers shall receive the required training prior to being authorized to use a CEW.
5. The CEW shall not be used on any subject who is clinically diagnosed as pregnant.
6. Officers will give verbal warnings, when feasible, to warn the target, and all surrounding persons, of the impending CEW deployment.

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