

INEFFECTIVE CEW DEPLOYMENT QUESTIONS

In the event of an ineffective TASER Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) deployment, the law enforcement agency may decide to take the time to analyze the situation and the potential causes of ineffective CEW deployment. In this event, obtain as much information as possible from the evidence and the actual CEW operators regarding the incident. And, if necessary, contact TASER Training for guidance and assistance by using the critical event assistance form at <https://returns.axon.com/CriticalEventsForm.aspx>.

Should an ineffective CEW deployment or use occur, consider the following¹:

- What was the subject's height, weight, and body mass index
- Subject's influence (drugs, alcohol, mental illness, EDP, SPD, other)
- What were the subject's behavior and demeanor prior to the use of force
- Did the CEW change the subject's behavior – how
- Did the CEW fail to discharge
- Did the CEW operator or others on scene hear the CEW probes deploy
- Did the CEW operator or others on scene hear the CEW discharging – was it loud or quiet
- Was there an audio or video recording of the event
- Did the CEW electrical discharge arc across the fixed electrodes on the front of the CEW or across the cartridge electrodes
- Did a probe impact a non-conductive material
- Did a wire break or did a probe disconnect from the wire
- Did the CEW operator feel electrical charge in the hand or body
- Did an assisting officer feel or experience electrical charge in the hand or body
- Was there an intermittent disconnect
- Was there a clothing disconnect
- Distance or separation between the probes
- Distance from front of TASER CEW cartridge to subject
- Location of probes on the subject's body/clothes
- Did the probes penetrate the subject's skin
- What type of clothing was the subject wearing and how many layers of clothing was the subject wearing where the CEW probes penetrated or attached
- Did the subject pull out or dislodge the probes, if so when
- Was a drive-stun follow-up attempted

¹ This list is not all inclusive. There are other reasons or contributors for ineffective CEW deployment or use that are not included in this list.