AEGIS INDUSTRIES LLC



RESOLUTION BY THE AEGIS AXEOS ADVISORY BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE STANDARDIZED MEASUREMENT OF ELECTROSHOCK WEAPONS

Whereas, law enforcement personnel throughout the world utilize electroshock weapons (ESWs) as less lethal force options; and

vWhereas, the protection of life is the paramount duty of every law enforcement officer; and

Whereas, independent measurement has shown that ESWs can discharge electrical energy outside a manufacturer specification; and

Whereas, manufacturers recognize that the measured output of ESWs can vary due to factors beyond their control; and

Whereas, peer-reviewed medical research and manufacturers recognize that the known and possible side effects of ESWs include cardiac capture and other deleterious effects that can lead to death; and

Whereas, researchers at the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) have determined that the physiological effects of ESWs are transient and will not leave pathological markers such as gunshot wounds; and

Whereas, researchers at the U.S. National Institute of Justice Office of Science & Technology (NIJ OS&T) have determined that ESWs involved in use proximal to death should be measured to determine the electrical energy these weapons discharge; and

Whereas, manufacturers, the NIJ OS&T, the National Institute of Standards and Testing Law Enforcement Standards Office (NIST OLES), the IEC and other stakeholders, in and out of the law enforcement industry, all acknowledge the importance and requirement for a standardized measurement method that will permit the regular verification and characterization of the total electrical energy discharged by an ESW waveform prior to injury or death; and

Whereas, standardized measurement ensures the proper and reliable operation of ESWs; and

Whereas, model policies, guidelines and equipment concerning the measurement of ESWs have been developed; and

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Advisory Board of Aegis Industries, LLC supports the regular measurement of ESWs according to methods developed by independent certification organizations specializing in electrical matters as an effective means to verify and characterize the electrical energy discharged by these weapons; and certified measurement equipment that, through proper training and management, can increase the trust and confidence of law enforcement officers, agencies and the public in current and future ESW technologies while decreasing the cost(s) and liabilities associated with the same.

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