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To: Law Enforcement Advisory Board (LEAB)  
From: Kenneth Stethem  
Date: Dec. 23, 2013  
Subject: Proposed Electroshock Weapon (ESW) Policy

I would like to express a sincere apology for not being able to attend today's meeting at the LEAB.

My understanding is that the full LEAB is to consider the proposed policy being submitted by the LEAB ESW Subcommittee.

It is my hope the LEAB will recognize that, while the cornerstone of the proposed policy are "properly functioning" weapons this term has not even been defined in this policy. This policy also does not identify any provision to determine whether these weapons are operating properly.

The "spark test" mentioned in the proposed policy is inadequate, unscientific and cannot determine whether the electrical current being discharged is within a manufacturer's design standards. The only valid and scientific method to determine the proper operation of these weapons is to measure the electrical current discharged directly. Only regular measurement will ensure ESWs are operating within the electrical design specifications. And, given that this technology is used upon the public, I believe that the electrical specifications and the method to ensure the proper operation should not only be included in the policy but also disclosed to the public.

Since this proposed policy fails to provide a "best practice" approach for proper operation as is done for radar guns, breathalyzers, and other electronic equipment, I believe that the LEAB should reconsider or postpone voting on this policy until the term "properly functioning" weapon is defined and valid performance standards are established for these weapons.

Failure to do so will not promote the integrity, accountability and transparency that this process and policy were intended to promote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Stethem", is located below the "Respectfully," text.

Kenneth Stethem