

Survey to Chief APOs

Issue: Taser Recertification

Question: (from Elk County)

I was wondering if most counties require a recert of tasers on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Allegheny County– does not use tasers

Bedford County - You need to complete that annually to be within the requirements that Axon has established. You will also find that your officers will perform poorly with the device if you do not train with it frequently. Many of the skills related to being competent with it are highly perishable. It is also essential that you take time to work with the device during firearms training as well. Practicing transition drills between lethal and less lethal tools should also be incorporated annually as part of your tactical shoot.

Berks County - annual

Blair County– annual

Cambria County – annual

Carbon County – does not carry tasers

Clinton County - annual

Columbia County – annual

Dauphin County – annual. Best practice recommends that all certified officers review their updates (usually less than a 10 minute PowerPoint) and then 2 trigger pull/cartridges. We have done this during our defensive tactics training and on our tactical range (weapon transition and partner drills).

Erie County – annual

Forest County – annual. It was bi-annual until the recommendation from TASER changed to annual

Jefferson County – annual

Juniata County - annual

Lebanon County – annual

Lehigh County - annual

Lycoming County – annual

Mifflin County – annual

Philadelphia County – does not carry tasers

Schuylkill County – annual

Somerset County – does not carry Tasers

Tioga County – annual

Westmoreland County – does not carry

York County – annual. I believe this is the recommendation from TASER