

Released data for CR24912

The Taser X26 currently in use with the Police in the UK records the time, date, duration, battery percentage and battery temperature for the last two thousand trigger activations. (software upgraded has increased capacity) This is unique to Taser devices and is the only use of force option that has this capacity.

The Taser X26 cannot differentiate between a hit and a miss, or whether a cartridge is fitted. It also captures when Tasers are activated during routine testing. See example below (not an operational example):

X26 Operational Records

X26 DATAPORT DOWNLOAD

SERIAL NUMBER OF X26: X00-000410 MODEL #: X26

DATE OF DOWNLOAD: 09/08/03 19:10:29

LOCAL TIMES CALCULATED FOR: GMT - 07:00, Mountain Standard Time (Arizona)

DATA RANGE DOWNLOADED: All Data

RECORDED FIRING DATA

GMT TIME	Local Time	Duration [Secs]	Temperature [deg. C]	Battery [%]
09/09/03 01:23:12	09/08/03 18:23:12	1	30	96
09/09/03 01:23:15	09/08/03 18:23:15	1	31	96

TIME CHANGE RECORD

The log below shows the time and dates that the internal clock of the X26 has been reset.

GMT TIME	Local Time	Change Type
09/09/03 01:21:01	09/08/03 18:21:01	TO

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DEVICE FIRE RECORDS

GMT TIME	Local Time	Duration [Secs]	Temperature [deg. C]	Batt [%]
09/09/03 01:23:12	09/08/03 18:23:12	1	30	96
09/09/03 01:23:15	09/08/03 18:23:15	1	31	96
09/09/03 01:23:20	09/08/03 18:23:20	5	31	96
09/09/03 01:23:31	09/08/03 18:23:31	10	32	96
09/08/03 19:44:29	09/08/03 12:44:29	1	31	95
09/08/03 19:44:31	09/08/03 12:44:31	2	31	95
09/08/03 19:44:36	09/08/03 12:44:36	5	31	95
09/08/03 19:44:50	09/08/03 12:44:50	12	32	95

Fire records found: 8

The taser policy requires that data from a Taser is routinely downloaded and post incident. It forms part of the evidence recovery standard (paragraph 5.6). The dedicated software saves the data in an encrypted format. It can be downloaded by a trained and competent individual. Depending on the nature of the incident and mode of investigation this could be by a trained individual in the force, an independent force, Centre for Applied Science and Technology or an independent body as dictated by the investigating authority.

Below is an extract from the Taser Policy for Specially Trained Units with attached link to source material, from West Mercia Police Website:-

http://ripassetseu.s3.amazonaws.com/www.westmercia.police.uk/files/documents/mar_10/wmp_12_67715481_ACPO_Policy_&_Operational_Use_.pdf

15 Dataport Auditing

- 15.1 An internal data logging system within the Taser records the details of the previous 1500 activations on the X26 (585 on the M26). This shows the exact time and date that the current was discharged. On the X26 the length of the discharge, temperature and battery condition is also shown. Details of activations can be downloaded via the dataport on to computer.
- 15.2 Taser data should be downloaded on a regular basis. This information will be retained to provide an audit trail of the activation of each Taser.

Any Taser which has been fired by a police officer (which contacted a person and resulted in incapacitation) and its associated download data would remain with the police force concerned.