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SUBJECT: Use of Force Analysis (January 2011 – December 2011)
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The 2011 Use of Force analysis stands as a review independent of any previous recommendations, warnings, or areas of concern.

From January of 2011 through the end of the 2011 calendar year, Shenandoah police Officers were involved in one (1) Use of Force incident that required documentation. This incident involved deployment of a Taser X26 electronic control device (ECD). This case was thoroughly reviewed immediately following the incidents to insure that department policy was adhered to and to identify any training issues that needed to be addressed.

The single incident resulting in ECD deployment involved a suspect who fled from a Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper while engaged in a night time traffic stop/DWI investigation within the city limits of Shenandoah. A Shenandoah Officer located the suspect and engaged in a foot pursuit after the suspect into a heavily wooded area. In the process of attempting to take the suspect into custody, the Shenandoah Officer fired one ECD cartridge striking the suspect in the back, however the suspect continued to evade the officer. The Shenandoah Officer then fired a second cartridge which successfully incapacitated the suspect, thus allowing the officer to safely place him into custody.

The Use of Force incident occurring during this reporting period is found to be in compliance with existing Shenandoah Police Department Policy, the tenants of our training doctrine, and Texas State law.

Additionally, this incident serves as evidence of the effectiveness of our annual less-lethal training program; specifically the practical application drill which requires officers to fire a training cartridge into the training silhouette, release the cartridge while moving, reload a new cartridge, and fire again into the training silhouette.