

FYI Training reminder "Officer Safety"

With the recent introduction of several new style "Stun Guns - cell phones and lip stick devices" that are currently available on the market today, investigators should remain diligent when approaching any subjects suspect of criminal activity especially those investigators conducting field interviews with potential witnesses or potential suspects. These devices can easily be incapacitated a person with 350,000 volts of electricity providing sufficient time for the suspect to flee or take control of you or a weapon.

The Training division suggest taking in consideration as well as practicing the following interview procedures when conducting field interviews.

1. Never interview a subject alone, always work in pairs for your safety as well as maintaining legitimacy of the interview. (Avoids false accusations as well as he said she said situations)
2. Always be cautious when approaching or encountering witness, informants or suspects; maintain control of the interview.
3. Recommended to maintain a safe distance of 3 to 5 feet when conducting street interviews; always keep the person in front of you at all times.
4. Never allow yourself to be placed in an uncomfortable position such as backed into a corner or against a wall, unfamiliar surroundings, inside buildings (on their turf) or surrounded by large groups (street interviews); never attempt to interview more than one person at anytime.
5. Criminal History: should be done on everyone you interview or contact with related to your investigation.
6. Communication: radio, cell phone etc. Always let someone know and have them check on your status every 30 minutes if needed such as a (dispatcher, fellow investigator etc.) Always give you're location, time you arrived, and name of the person you're interviewing.

"Your Complacency" becomes the advantage of your enemies.