

Dear Sirs/Madams

I would like to add my voice to those of us living in Jersey who feel that the introduction of Tasers to our police force is totally unnecessary. I can't think of one instance over the past 20 years when the use of a Taser would have improved a situation or prevented injury to a member of the police force. I suggest every member of the States of Jersey watch the talk given by Stephen Coleman at a recent TED conference on the use of non-lethal weapons. This can be viewed at:-

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X31eYIhoMNQ>

This clearly illustrates that where these devices are introduced their use soon becomes the norm. Being used in too many situations where their use is inappropriate and where other methods would defuse the situation instead of inflaming it.

In the absence of a clear need for such weapons, illustrated by a number of instances where their use would have prevent harm to the public and police force, I firmly believe Tasers have no place in Jersey.

Yours faithfully

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