

**By The Numbers:**

- Number of CEW with police: 240
- Number of Nova Scotia forces with CEW: 9 (including RCMP)
- Number of CEW with Sheriff's Office: 2
- Number of CEW with Corrections: 15
- Total conducted energy weapons: 257

**Usage:**

- Use of CEW has decreased from 2007-2010
  - CEW use (contact stun): decreased 53 percent
  - CEW use (probe): decreased 70 per cent

**Timeline of CEWs in Nova Scotia:**

- 2002 – Halifax Regional Police are the first police service in Nova Scotia to have conducted energy weapons.
- 2003 - Nova Scotia correctional service develops policy and procedures for CEW (Nova Scotia is the first jurisdiction in Canada to authorize the use of CEW in correctional institutions).
- 2004 – Sheriff's officers are authorized to use CEWs in the cells at Halifax Provincial Court and the Sydney Justice Centre.
- December 2006 – First provincewide governance standard for conducted energy weapons, by the Department of Justice
- November 22, 2007 - Death of Howard Hyde.
- March 2008 – Ministerial review on CEW released.
- March 2008 - Advisory Panel to the Minister of Justice on the use of CEW formed.
- June 2008 - Advisory panel presents the Report of the Advisory Panel on the Use of the Conducted Energy Device by Law Enforcement Agencies in Nova Scotia, which contains 16 recommendations.
- July 2008 - Guidelines on the use of CEW are revised to reflect the recommendations of the panel.
- September 2008 – Government calls for a fatality inquiry into Mr. Hyde's death with Judge Anne Derrick to preside.
- November 2008 – A panel of mental health and medical experts is formed to review excited delirium.
- June 2009 – Department of Justice hires a use of force manager.
- June 2009 – The panel of mental health and medical experts presents its report, which has nine recommendations.
- July 2009 - All police in the province begin submitting reports on use-of-force incidents (including CEW) to Department of Justice.
- June 2010 – Public proceedings of Hyde fatality inquiry end.

## **Conducted Energy Weapons (CEW) Fact Sheet**

- December 2010 - Hyde fatality inquiry report released, with a number of recommendations on CEW use.
- May 2011 – Government releases Building Bridges: Improving Care in Custody for People Living with Mental Illness, which outlines about 90 actions to address inquiry recommendations.
- June 9, 2011 – Revised guidelines on CEW use come into force.