

ECD DISCHARGE DATA DEFINITIONS & FORMAT GUIDE

A. OBLIGATIONS

This legislation requires a law enforcement agency that issues electronic control devices to its law enforcement officers to report certain information relating to the use of electronic control devices. MD Code Ann., Public Safety Art., § 3-508.

Specifically, any agency that issues electronic control devices to its law enforcement officers must report annually to GOCCP the following information about every ECD discharge:

1. The number of times an ECD was discharged by the agency in the past year;
2. The time, date, and location of the discharge;
3. The type of incident (e.g. non-criminal, criminal, or traffic stop) in which the person against whom the ECD was discharged was involved in prior to the discharge;
4. The reason for each discharge (e.g. non-threatening non-compliance, threat of force, and use of force);
5. The type of mode used (e.g. probe, drive stun, or both) and the point of impact (arm, leg, head, etc.) of the discharge;
6. The number of ECD cycles, the duration of each cycle, and the duration between cycles of the discharge;
7. The race, gender, and age, of each person against whom the ECD was discharged;
8. The type of weapon, if any, possessed by the person against whom the ECD was discharged, and the threat of any weapon;
9. Any injury or death resulting from the discharge other than punctures or lacerations caused by the ECD contact or the removal of ECD probes;
10. The type of medical care, if, any provided to the person against whom the ECD was discharged, other than the treatment of punctures or lacerations caused by the ECD contact or the removal of ECD probes.

B. PROCEDURE

The following *DEFINITIONS* shall be used when recording ECD discharge data:

Discharge means firing an ECD at a person but does not include firing an ECD during a training exercise.

Electronic Control Device means a portable device designed as a weapon capable of injuring, immobilizing, or inflicting pain on an individual by the discharge of an electrical current.

Law Enforcement Agency means an agency that is listed in §3-101(E).

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Probe Mode means firing two probes from a disposable cartridge which releases electrical discharge pulses to the body. This includes any use as a 3rd point of contact.

Drive Stun Mode means applying the ECD directly to the body. Drive Stun mode DOES NOT include discharging an ECD as a 3rd point of contact.

C. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. An agency that issues ECDs to their law enforcement officers must compile and submit data for each time a law enforcement office discharges an ECD in the described format (see next page) no later than March 31 to the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center. This requirement shall take effect January 1, 2012 and remain effective until December 31, 2015 with the final MSAC report due to the General Assembly by September 1, 2016.

If any agency fails to make the report as required, GOCCP shall report the noncompliance to the Maryland Police Training Commission for follow-up with the agency. Upon contact, the law enforcement agency must comply within 30 days or GOCCP and the Maryland Police Training Commission shall report the noncompliance to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly.

2. An agency that issues ECDs to their law enforcement officers must *also* provide a copy of the report to the local governing body (e.g. County Council/Commissioners) or chief executive officer of the jurisdiction served by the law enforcement agency.

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FORMAT GUIDE:

Data should be formatted into Microsoft Excel. Please visit www.goccp.maryland.gov to download the Excel Template (sample attached)

Please format your data according to the guidelines below and label fields in the manner indicated. To be consistent, please use lower case letters for responses. In situations where more than one response is applicable, please use the most appropriate response. If you have questions regarding this, please contact Jeffrey Zuback at jzuback@goccp.state.md.us or 410.821.2843.

Description of Fields to be Included:

1. ORI#
 - Be consistent.
 - The ORI # should correspond to the agency (i.e., the local governing body of the jurisdiction served by the law enforcement agency that discharged the ECD).
2. Discharge Date
 - Date the ECD was discharged.
 - Format should be MM/DD/YYYY for each entry.
3. Time of the Discharge
 - Format should be XX:XX for each entry in military time.
4. Location of the Discharge:
 - List the address or approximate address or the location where the ECD discharge occurred. (i.e. address with zip code, mile marker, or intersection)
5. Type of Incident
 - Type of Incident refers to law enforcement's initial response to the person against whom the ECD was discharged regardless of the reason the ECD was discharged. (dropdown box):
 - Non-criminal Incident (noncriminal)
 - Criminal Incident (criminal)
 - Traffic Stop (traffic)
6. Reason
 - Law enforcement's reason for discharging of the ECD (dropdown box):
 - Non-compliant and Non-threatening (noncompliant)
 - Threat of Force (threat)
 - Use of force (force)
 - If more than one response applies, only record the most serious reason for discharging the ECD
7. Mode Used
 - This should indicate the mode type used in with each ECD discharge (dropdown box):
 - Probe Mode (probe)
 - Drive Stun Mode (drivestun)

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- Both (both)
 - *Probe Mode* means firing two probes from a disposable cartridge which releases electrical discharge pulses to the body. This includes any use as a 3rd point of contact.
 - *Drive Stun Mode* means applying the ECD directly to the body. Drive Stun mode DOES NOT include discharging an ECD as a 3rd point of contact.
8. Point of Impact
- The point of impact of each ECD discharge (check all that apply):
 - Arm (arm)
 - Leg (leg)
 - Head (head)
 - Neck (neck)
 - Front Torso (front)
 - Back Torso (back)
 - Miss (miss)
 - Miss can be checked when the ECD misses its intended target completely
 - Format for 1 point of impact or miss (X point of impact), for 2 different points of impact (X point of impact, Y point of impact), for 3 different points of impact (X point of impact, Y point of impact, Z point of impact), etc.
9. Number of ECD Cycles
- List the number of ECD cycles for the particular incident.
 - If a miss occurred, put N/A under questions 9, 10, and 11.
10. ECD Cycle Duration
- Responses indicate the length of each ECD cycle in seconds and are separated by commas and should be listed by the chronological order of occurrence.
 - Format- (for 1 cycle (X), for 2 cycles (X,X), for 3 cycles (X,X,X) etc.) where X is the number of seconds.
11. Duration Between ECD Cycles
- The length of time between each ECD cycle.
 - Format- (for 1 cycle (N/A), for 2 cycles (X), for 3 cycles (X,X) where X is the number of seconds.
12. Race
- The race of the person against whom the ECD was discharged (dropdown box):
 - Caucasian (w)
 - African American (b)
 - Asian (a)
 - Hispanic (h)
 - Other (o)
 - Unknown (u)
13. Gender
- The gender of the person against whom the ECD was discharged (dropdown box):
 - Male (m)
 - Female (f)

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14. Age

- The age of the person against whom the ECD was discharged (write out age in years).
- If unknown, put N/A

15. Weapon

- The type of weapon possessed by the person against whom the ECD was discharged (dropdown box):
 - Firearm (firearm)
 - Edged weapon (edged)
 - Blunt-force weapon (blunt)
 - Other Weapon (other)
 - None (none)
- If none is checked, answer question 16

16. Threat of Weapon

- If no weapon was possessed by the person against whom the ECD was discharged, was there a threat of a weapon by that individual.
- Responses will be either “yes” or “no” or “N/A” (dropdown box).
- Check N/A if the person did possess a weapon.

17. Injury

- Indicates whether any injury resulted from the discharge of the ECD.
- This excludes injuries from punctures or lacerations caused by ECD contact or the removal of ECD probes
- Responses will be either “yes” or “no” (dropdown box).

18. Death

- Indicates whether any death resulted from the discharge of the ECD.
- This excludes deaths from punctures or lacerations caused by ECD contact or the removal of ECD probes
- Responses will be either “yes” or “no” (dropdown box).

19. Medical Care

- Indicates the type of medical care provided to the person against whom the ECD was discharged (dropdown box):
 - None (none)
 - Police Care (police)
 - EMS Care (ems)
 - Hospital Care (hospital)
- This excludes medical care provided due to the treatment of punctures or lacerations caused by ECD contact or the removal of ECD probes
- If more than one response applies, only record the highest level of care provided prior to the person’s release from treatment.

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ORI #	Discharge Date	Time	Location	Incident	Discharge Reason	Mode	Point of Impact	ECD Cycles	Duration of ECD Cycles	Duration Between ECD Cycles	Race	Gender	Age	Weapon	Threat of Weapon	Injury	Death	Medical Care
123456789	01/01/11	12:34	213 Wilbur Ave.	noncriminal	force	probe	arm, front	1	5	N/A	w	m	25	firearm	N/A	no	no	none
123456789	01/17/11	3:15	300 Block of Market Street	criminal	threat	drivestun	leg	2	5,7	30	b	m	39	none	yes	yes	no	ems
123456789	02/24/11	23:10	mile 24 on rt. 695	traffic	force	both	head, neck, front	3	5,5,5	45, 20	a	m	28	edged	N/A	no	no	none
123456789	03/03/11	17:49	2317 Tower Drive	noncriminal	noncompliant	drivestun	back	2	10,4	30	h	f	43	none	no	yes	no	police
123456789	03/30/11	2:23	intersection of green and light st.	traffic	force	probe	front, leg	1	10	N/A	o	m	17	other	N/A	no	no	none
123456789	04/08/11	6:47	49 Rhode Isand Ave.	noncriminal	noncompliant	both	miss	N/A	N/A	N/A	u	f	N/A	none	no	no	no	none
123456789	04/20/11	14:12	759 Timbergrove Way	criminal	force	both	neck	4	5,5,6,8	30, 30, 60	w	m	23	blunt	N/A	yes	yes	hospital

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