

## **BASF's Board of Directors Unanimously Urges San Francisco Police Commission Not to Adopt ECWs (formerly known as TASERS®) in San Francisco at this Time**

**September 20, 2017 – San Francisco** - The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) submitted a Memorandum to the San Francisco Police Commission and San Francisco Police Chief William Scott, urging the Commission not to approve the use of ECWs (formerly known as TASERS®) for all of the reasons set forth in their September 18, 2017 Supplemental Recommendation and Memorandum.

BASF's Supplemental Recommendation is based upon additional research on ECW risks and efficacy undertaken by BASF's Criminal Justice Task Force during the intervening 15 month period following their June 20, 2016 Recommendation and Memorandum (attached to the September 18, 2017 Supplemental Recommendation and Memorandum.) In addition, the supplemental research considered the legal impact of newly issued warnings by the manufacturer; the lack of testing/research on the current model available for purchase by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD); competing priorities for the SFPD's reform needs given the 272 Recommendations of the DOJ/COPS Report; and the considerable costs associated with ECWs, including purchase, upkeep, training and oversight.

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