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**Officers from the North Fond du Lac Police Department demonstrated their recently acquired TASERs for the North Fond du Lac Optimists club on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. While the TASER continues to make headlines around the nation, the police department gave residents a first-hand look at the value of TASERs as a force option. At the same time, officers showed their audience the overall general safety of the TASER.**

**Sergeant Brian Liethen, who serves as the department's Defensive and Arrest Tactics instructor and is a certified TASER International instructor, was the lead presenter. Sergeant Liethen explained the science behind the TASER device, as well as State of Wisconsin Training and Standards Board guidelines regarding the use of force by police officers. "TASERs have been proven effective in controlling threatening offenders, and their use by over 7,000 law enforcement agencies has resulted in reductions in injuries to officers and subjects alike," he told the group.**

**Chief of Police William Lamb told the Optimists he is confident that the decision to arm officers with TASERs is the right one. "In agencies that have deployed TASERs, lawsuits are down, incidents of lethal force by police are down, officer and subject injuries are down, and the TASER has not been proven as the cause of death in a single case," he said. "I believe that the benefits of providing TASERs to adequately trained personnel far outweigh any risks associated with their use."**

**Feedback from the Optimist Club supports officers being armed with TASERs. According to Mike Tolvstad, a long-time member, "This is just one more tool that allows police to do their job as safely as they can. I think it would be a mistake not to use this technology."**