

Memo

To: Lt. Turnbill
Sgt. Early *EA*
From: Officer Coffman #1267
CC:
Date: 4/3/2006
Re: Frisker evaluation

Sirs,

I think the Pro Metal detector would be a great tool to use in the booking room. I have located a loose small screw and a paper clip during pat downs that might have otherwise been missed. I think it is important to perform regular pat downs before and after using the metal detector in case something is missed. Overall I think it is much better than the other metal detectors we have.

Respectfully,

K. Coffman 1267

Officer K. Coffman #1267

Memo

To: Lt. Turnbull
Sgt. Early *ES*
From: Officer Orcutt #1345
CC:
Date: 4/3/2006
Re: Frisker evaluation

Sirs,

Over the past couple of weeks I have been able to use the Frisker Pro Metal Detector a couple of times. I think the Frisker Pro Metal Detector is a great tool to use during the booking process. It has helped me find small pieces of metal that may have been missed due to the use of gloves during a pat search.

Respectfully,

Orcutt 1345

Officer Orcutt #1345

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 8, 2005

TO: Harold White, Warden
Parnall Correctional Facility

FROM: V. Evelyn Conner, Lieutenant *V. Evelyn Conner*
Parnall Correctional Facility

SUBJECT: Frisker Pro

As requested by Inspector Stewart, contact was made with Paradigm Tactical Products in regards to obtaining a Frisker Pro hand metal detector for purposes of testing and evaluation (T & E). Paradigm Tactical honored the request and sent a demo product of the Frisker Pro for a 30 day trial.

The Frisker Pro is a hand *worn* metal detector. It adjusts to fit all hand sizes and can be worn on the left or right hands. Staffs on 1st and 2nd shift were given the opportunity to use the Frisker Pro and were asked what they liked and disliked about the product.

The Frisker Pro vibrates similar to that of a cell phone or pager instead of giving an audible sound. Our staff liked this feature because it could be used in a manner which did not announce to others in the area that the detector had been tripped. Staff also stated that they liked that the Frisker Pro can pin point where the metal object is located within a couple of inches without alerting the person being searched. It would allow time for staff to call for assistance or isolate the person being searched. The same can not be said for the hand held metal detectors in where they make an audible sound announcing to everyone in the immediate area that something was picked up on the detector, drawing attention to the person being searched.

Staff also liked that the Frisker Pro was small and that the actual detector went across the palm of the hand. Once an item was located, their fingers were free to immediately search the area. Other hand metal detectors are similar to a glove which does not always allow for fingers to move freely and easily. Staff also liked that the Frisker Pro was inconspicuous and that it detected small items and that there was no outside interference when using the product unlike the wand metal detectors.

Wand detectors can not pin point an object, it will only indicate a general area. Many times a wand detector will give a false reading because it picks up the rebar in the concrete. The Frisker Pro did not. With a wand detector, the individual using it has to

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place the detector down in order to complete a pat search of the individual. The Frisker Pro allows the individual to complete a pat search without relinquishing control of the detector.

Staff did ask about persons that may have a medical device such as a pace maker. Product information states that the "Frisker Pro and other generally acceptable metal detectors, wands, or walk through operate in a frequency range considered safe to function of implanted medical devices noted in NIJ Standard 0602.02."

Overall, staff were very impressed with the ease of use and the sensitivity of the Frisker Pro and that it did not appear to give false readings. The product was also used in inclement weather such as rain, and did not lose any effectiveness in its operation.

Cc: Deputy Schuhmacher
ADW Rowley
Inspector Stewart
File

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September 20, 2004

Mr. James F. Marr, Vice-President
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Dear Jim:

Seldom or never do I make a written endorsement of a commercial product regarding its usefulness and effectiveness as it relates to law enforcement. I am making an exception to this practice as I strongly feel that any product that can be purchased and used to enhance the safety of my deputies should be given exposure to my colleges based upon the shared responsibilities we share in our service to the public.

The Frisker-Pro physical search enhancement tool is such a product. You afforded me the opportunity to try your product, without a lengthy sales talk and within my own work environment. I did just that. I took the demonstrator you loaned and gave it the best test I could, actually put it into use by my deputies who are responsible for the arrest, search and transportation of offenders and prisoners. The feedback from my personnel was positive and gratifying. Not only did your Frisker-Pro work with consistency and effectiveness, my deputies were appreciative that their enhanced level of safety was foremost in my mind. They liked it, I liked it, and as such, I purchased one for every fulltime deputy and made it a part of their permanent equipment. As I write this letter, they are still in use and continue to be yet another tool routinely utilized to ensure that weapons are detected during the initial stages of body searches.

I thank you for offering me the opportunity to expose my deputies to your product. I recommend that others in law enforcement, regardless of the size of their agency, avail themselves to the opportunity that exists to explore the use of the Frisker-Pro for their personnel. To do so, will surely be a responsible step in increasing their level of personal protection.

Sincerely yours,


Sheriff Wayne M. Estes