The latest 2014 Survey Results for US Law Enforcement clearly shows the need for Less Lethal Energy Weapon protection.

PoliceOne and Thorshield (www.thorshield.com) surveyed approximately 2,000 law enforcement professionals.

The PoliceOne research shows that 40% of law enforcement have felt the effects of energy weapons on the job and 86% do not believe their current uniforms and protective gear provides the necessary protection from these weapons.

Thorshield is the only product sold in the form of clothing, body armor and accessories (such as uniforms and gloves) that can protect someone from the effects of a TASER Brand Device or similar energy weapons like stun guns. Thorshield products are only sold to law enforcement and military personnel.

The PoliceOne survey findings show that:

- 33% of respondents did not feel their training adequately protects them against injury from energy weapons
- 40% have felt the effects of energy weapons on the job
- 45% are not familiar with the gear available to protect them from these energy weapons
- 86% do not believe their current uniform and protective gear adequately protects them from ECDs such as TASER Brand Devices and stun guns
- 95% would like to have state of the art protection from ECDs such as TASER Brand Devices and stun guns

For example the following is just a sampling of incidents that all occurred in 2014:

- A Delaware state trooper was injured when a man she was arresting grabbed her stun gun and turned it on her
- A Kentucky police officer was shot with his own TASER Brand Device by a suspect he was attempting to take into custody
- A Montana sheriff’s deputy broke both his arms during a training session in which he was hit by a TASER Brand Device
- An Oregon police officer was shocked by his own TASER Brand Device during a scuffle with an allegedly drunk and combative man
A selection of the products that Thorshield has created and provides to law enforcement includes:

- The Thorshield Eagle One (E1) Tactical Full Length Duty Glove, which provides multi threat ElectroShock/TASER Brand Device protection, Cut/Slash Resistance, Flame/Flash Resistance, Puncture Resistance, Touch Screen, Abrasion/Tear/Bite Resistance, Electrostatic Discharge and Anti-Microbial Gloves.

- Carrier Vests with Liners and Inserts, utilizing Generation III material which provides protection from Electroshock weapons such as TASER Brand Devices and stun guns. They also feature Anti Static Discharge protection and are made of extremely thin and lightweight fabric. They are durable and transparent to existing NIJ rated carriers as well as machine washable per laundering instructions.

- The Thorshield “Guardian Series” apparel provides protection and comfort in a uniform. Utilizing a highly technical multi-threat protective fabric that is available in three weights this apparel provides electro shock protection, superior cut protection using Kevlar and testing to the ASTM F1790-97 standard, superior antimicrobial protection to reduce the need for laundering the gloves from perspiration, bacteria and odor build up. Flame, Abrasion, Puncture and Tear resistance.

77% believe it is reasonable to spend over $100 to ensure an officer is protected from ECDs. And 28% felt such protection would be worth over $500

“News reports of energy weapons being used in crimes and of law enforcement personnel being injured by them is a disturbing trend. Thorshield products can protect law enforcement, and so we urge law enforcement to contact us at 877-562-1935 or visit us at www.thorshield.com to learn more.”

Thorshield Brand Device’s web site now features an extensive and up to date list of the incidents of TASER Brand Devices and other such energy weapons.

Thorshield Energy Weapon Protection Fabric is the most effective protection against non-lethal energy weapons on the market today. The fabric is integrated into body armor, uniforms, gloves and additional items. The ThorShield lining is a highly conductive specialized layer of fabric, which prevents the flow of electricity from energy weapons such as Tasers, cattle prods, stun guns and similar devices. Thorshield protective clothing ensures that the electrical current conducts through the fabric versus the body, protecting the wearer.

Thorshield body armor, gloves, pants, overalls and more, offers unparalleled multi-threat protection for law enforcement in the face of such growing civilian stun gun and TASER device ownership. The multi-threat protection includes Cut/Slash, Fire/Flame, puncture for blunt force objects and Abrasion/Tear resistance.

A complete list of Thorshield distributors is located at www.thorshield.com