

Some lawmen opt to use pepper guns

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Some law enforcement agencies in Arkansas have switched from Tasers to pepper guns.

Cleburne County Sheriff Chris Brown said a shot from a pepper gun can incapacitate a person for 45 minutes versus five seconds for a Taser, which is a brand of "conducted electrical weapon" made by Axon.

Occasionally, someone who has been shot with a Taser will pull the barbs out and want to fight, he added.

"At the end of the day, if we don't have to fight them, it's easier on us and it's easier on them," Brown said.

When Brown became

sheriff in January 2017, his department had 30 Tasers, but most of them were nine years old. He said Tasers expire after five years.

Brown has replaced most of those Tasers with 30 JPX Pepper Guns.

"I don't have anything against Tasers at all," he said. "We have a couple that we still use in really limited circumstances ... but that's not what our people carry anymore."

Brown said the pepper guns his deputies carry are shaped like firearms and have two barrels on top.

"I love them," he said. "I think they're fantastic. ... It shoots a pool of liquid, a really

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