

DAILY NEWS

U.S

## Andrew Meyer -- the "Don't Tase Me Bro!" guy -- says Tasers for NYC Transit workers a bad idea

"Don't Tase Me Bro!" guy gives thumbs down to NYC taser proposal

BY [CARRIE COUROGEN](#) / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012, 7:28 PM



ANDREW STANFILL/AP

Former University of Florida student Andrew Meyer struggled with campus cops -- and was later tased -- during a speech by then presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., in Sept. 2007.

The Florida student famous for shouting "Don't Tase me, bro!" thinks a politician's plan to arm NYC Transit workers with stun guns is a bad idea.

Cops tased [Andrew Meyer](#), 25, during a speech by then presidential candidate [John Kerry](#) at the University of Florida in 2007.

A video of him struggling with officers before one of them fired the electro-charged weapon was played over and over on TV and online.

"Don't Tase me, bro!" became a national punchline.

"Bus drivers aren't law enforcement officers, and using the Taser demands a significant amount of training," Meyer said after a Daily News front page report on state [Sen. Eric Adams'](#) (D-Brooklyn) proposal to arm bus drivers and subway conductors with Tasers.

"The Taser is an easy device to abuse," said Meyer, now a law student at Florida International University. "It's significant force at the push of a button, and not everyone appreciates how dangerous it is."

The rates of assault and harassment of transit workers have increased significantly, according to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, prompting Adam's plan.

The agency opposes the bill, arguing that allowing workers to carry weapons crosses the line into law enforcement.

Even everyday officers of the NYPD aren't permitted to carry the device, which delivers a strong shock of electricity with the intent of temporarily immobilizing a subject.

Meyer suggested considering safer, more cost-effective options, like installing bolted plexiglass windows between drivers and passengers, or assigning more cops to high-crime routes.

**ARTICLES AND OFFERS FROM AROUND THE WEB**

Advertisement



Enjoy tax-free shopping 365 days a year here.



Mar 2013: Homeowners in Pennsylvania may be eligible for 2.63%(2.66% APR) refinance rate



Myrtle Beach on sale. Save with room rates from \$44 per night & package specials at select resorts.



Is Obama's latest tax screw up grounds for impeachment? Poll now



Obama knows of an event set to occur in 2015 that could propel him into a Third Term...