



GENERAL ORDER

OAK BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS

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505.1 Policy

It is the policy of the Oak Brook Police Department to utilize a reasonable level of force in achieving a lawful objective as provided by the 4th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, which states:

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.”

The force used by any member of the Oak Brook Police Department shall adhere to the requirements set forth in 720 ILCS 5/7, other related statutes, applicable case law, department general orders and training.

Oak Brook Police Department personnel will use that level of force which is objectively reasonable and necessary to accomplish a lawful objective. Examples of those objectives include:

- a. Defend themselves from bodily harm.
- b. Defend another from bodily harm.
- c. Protect property.
- d. Effect an arrest.
- e. Prevent escape.
- f. Effect the protective custody or involuntary admission of a subject pursuant to the Mental Health Act.

When determining the level of force used the department member must consider:

- a. The severity of the crime.
- b. The immediacy of the threat.

- c. Whether the suspect is actively resisting arrest or attempting to flee.

The force used by any department member will only be that which is required to overcome the resistance being offered by an offender.

505.2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), to include the training and certification of officers authorized to deploy and utilize the force option.

505.3 Definitions

- a. Oleoresin: a mixture of an essential oil and a resin found in nature.
- b. Capsaicinoids: a group of compounds naturally occurring within the fats, oils and waxes of the pepper plant which determine its pungency.
- c. Pungency: the heat or intensity.
- d. Capsaicin: the most prevalent of the seven compounds found within the capsaicinoids and considered to be the active ingredient in OC.
- e. Oleoresin Capsicum (OC): oil of capsicum.
- f. Carrier: the ingredient(s), other than OC, which comprises the OC formulation – carries the OC from the canister to the target.
- g. Propellant: the gas or liquid which pressurizes the canister and propels the OC to the target area.
- h. Deployment Officer: Officers and Community Service Officers who have successfully completed the Department approved training course and are certified/authorized to utilize OC spray.
- i. Subject: The person that is the focus of the police operation.

505.4 Authorized OC Spray

- 1.3.9a Department issued OC spray is the only OC authorized for use by trained department personnel.
- 1.3.9c All department issued OC spray will be inspected by a certified OC Instructor prior to issue. That instructor will ensure the canister is undamaged and functions properly.
The department issued OC spray will be selected by the Support Services Division Commander and approved by the Chief of Police.
- 1.3.9b Nothing in this General Order will preclude the use of OC spray by members of this department for the purpose of special teams operations.

1.3.10 505.5 Training

To become certified to deploy OC spray, Deployment Officer's must complete:

- a. The department approved training course conducted by a certified instructor;
- b. Pass the written test with a score of 90% or greater;
- c. Complete a practical familiarization course;
- d. Pass the practical qualification course.

1.3.11 To maintain certification, Deployment Officers must complete a biennial recertification course. This will include the written test, practical familiarization course and the practical qualification course.

505.6 Deployment Areas

The primary target for OC is the facial area ensuring coverage of the brow, eyes and mouth. OC should be discharged in multiple bursts in an ear to ear pattern from an approximate distance of 3 to 12 feet.

505.7 Carrying and Inspection Requirements

1.3.9e The certified OC Instructor shall be responsible for issuing all OC canisters. The canister will be clearly marked with the year of issue and the badge number of the receiving officer. The issuing instructor shall enter receiving Officer's name, the date of issue and the serial number of the canister on the department OC Inventory Log.

OC spray may be carried on either side of the body in a department issued carrier.

Deployment Officers will periodically inspect their OC canister for signs of damage, erosion or debris in the nozzle.

1.3.9d If a canister appears to be damaged, does not contain a sufficient amount of OC or fails to function as designed it will be immediately removed from service. That canister will be replaced and disposed of in accordance with the manufacture's guidelines.

All OC canisters will be replaced biennially regardless of condition.

505.8 Deployment Techniques

The Deployment Officer should alert Officers on the scene that they have transitioned to OC spray.

If possible and the situation allows, the Deployment Officer will call out in a loud clear voice "SPRAY" immediately prior to the use of OC.

When engaging the subject, the Deployment Officer should evaluate the effectiveness of the OC and determine whether it is necessary and appropriate, given the circumstances, to discontinue its use and transition to an alternate force option.

1.3.5 505.9 Medical Aid

OC will generally cause involuntary closure of the eyes, inflammation of the contaminated area, secretion of excessive mucous, shortness of breath and tightness of the chest.

The Deployment Officer will begin the decontamination process as soon as reasonably possible.

Subjects contaminated with OC will be placed under continuous, personal observation for a minimum of two hours.

Subjects contaminated with OC will generally show signs of improvement within approximately thirty minutes. If acute symptoms exist beyond thirty minutes, the Shift Supervisor will be notified to determine the necessity of immediate medical attention.

Subjects contaminated with OC that are clearly injured or reasonably believed to be injured will be examined by paramedics.

Subjects contaminated with OC that are believed to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be examined by paramedics.

Subjects requesting medical attention will be examined by paramedics.

Any subject contaminated with OC that is transported to a hospital will be accompanied by an Officer. That Officer will provide the staff with the approximate time of contamination as well as the time and method of decontamination.

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505.10 Reporting Procedures

The use of OC spray as a force option must be reported and investigated in accordance with department policy, FOR-501, Investigating Use of Force Incidents.

The Certification of OC Contamination Form (Attachment A) will be used to document all incidents of an Officer contamination.

The OC Administrative Warning Form (Attachment B) will be completed in an effort to ensure the appropriate level of medical aid.

The OC Decontamination Log (Attachment C) will be used to document decontamination and the mandatory observation period. Entries in the log will commence as reasonably close to the time of contamination as possible and will continue every fifteen (15) minutes for a minimum of two (2) hours.

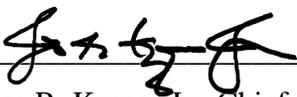
The OC Aftercare Form (Attachment D) will be completed and given to any subject contaminated with OC.

The Chief of Police or designee will be notified via the chain of command and in accordance with department policy, OPR-333, Special Notifications, whenever OC is utilized.

505.11 Issuing Authority

This General Order will supersede any directives or understandings in conflict.

By order of:



James R. Kruger Jr., Chief of Police



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Certification of Oleoresin Capsicum
Aerosol Contamination

Officer: _____

Date: _____

This form must be completed if an officer is contaminated with OC during the course of training or is contaminated and affected by OC when it is applied as a Use of Force. This form will only be used for training purposes and should not be attached to the report. Forward this form to the Support Services Division Commander.

Product: First Defense MK-3
 10% OC Solution
 500,000 Scoville Heat Units
 Water Base / Stream Delivery

Indicate Level of Contamination:

- Level 1- contamination caused by direct physical contact with OC to the facial area.
- Level 2- contamination caused by indirect or secondary contact as a result of attempting to control a subject that has received a Level 1 contamination.
- Level 3- contamination caused by entering an area in which OC has been dispersed.

Explain how contamination occurred:

If contamination was for training purposes, describe the drills performed:

Describe the effect of the contamination:

Approximate time from contamination to decontamination: _____

Method of decontamination: _____

Instructor: _____



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OC Administrative Warning

You have been contaminated with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC), a natural product derived from Cayenne Peppers. I am going to treat you to reduce the discomfort you are feeling.

OC is non-toxic and the effects will dissipate in a short time. The effects of OC may however, mask or cover other medical conditions including overdose or toxic levels of drugs such as: Cocaine, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, PCP, Opiates, Heroin or Alcohol.

I am going to ask you five (5) questions for your own safety. Not answering my questions, withholding information, or giving false or misleading answers could cause a delay in recognizing the need for medical treatment which may seriously jeopardize your health and safety.

Do you understand what I have told you? YES NO Date/Time: _____

1. Are you currently under the influence of Cocaine, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, PCP, Opiates, Heroin or Alcohol?

YES NO REFUSED

If YES which: _____

2. Have you taken Cocaine, Amphetamines, Barbiturates, PCP, Opiates, Heroin or Alcohol in the last 72 hours?

YES NO REFUSED

If YES which: _____ When: _____

3. Do you normally take any illegal or prescribed medication?

YES NO REFUSED

If YES which: _____ When: _____

4. Do you have heart problems, lung problems, diabetes, high blood pressure or any other serious medical condition?

YES NO REFUSED

If YES what: _____

5. Do you have any allergies?

YES NO REFUSED

If YES what: _____

Reporting Officer _____

Supervisor _____



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OC Decontamination Log



Date/Time of Report: _____ Report #: _____ Arrest #: _____

Offender: _____

Approximate Date/Time of Contamination: _____

Date/Time of Decontamination: _____

Means of Decontamination: _____

OC Used:

First Defense MK-3 Stream Aerosol Projector Other: _____

Level of Contamination (Check Most Appropriate):

Level 1 (Direct Exposure) Level 2 (Secondary Contact) Level 3 (Area Contamination)

The contaminated subject will be placed under continuous, personal observation for a minimum of two (2) hours. The subject's condition will be noted on this log every fifteen minutes. If acute symptoms exist beyond thirty (30) minutes notify the Shift Supervisor.

Time: _____ Condition: _____

Reporting Officer

Supervisor



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OC Aftercare Form

REPORT NUMBER

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OFFICER / BADGE NUMBER

DATE/TIME

ATTENTION

You have been exposed to Oleoresin Capsicum (OC). OC is a natural occurring product derived from Cayenne Peppers. OC is non-toxic and its' effects are short term. In an effort to avoid further irritation the following steps should be taken:

- Flush eyes with cool tap water. **Do not** use eye washes containing saline.
- Remove contaminated clothing and wash exposed areas with non-oil based soap (i.e. Johnson and Johnson Baby Wash) and water.
- Pat or blot exposed areas to dry. Do not rub as rubbing may spread the irritant to unexposed areas.
- Remove contact lenses. Soft or disposable lenses should be discarded. Hard lenses should be thoroughly cleaned before use.
- **Do not** bandage, contaminated skin should be exposed to air.
- **Do not** apply lotions or salves such as: lanolin, Vaseline, cold cream and butter. Doing so may trap the irritant and prolong the effects.

Type of OC used:

First Defense MK-3 Stream Aerosol Projector

Other _____