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Use of OC (Oleoresin Capsicum) Spray:

Introduction:

OC is an organically based less-than-lethal aerosol weapon designed to cause a loss of intended thought process, coordination, upper body control; thus impairing the subject's ability and desire to harm others. Thereby reducing potential resistance. The OC formulation is bases on Oleoresin Capsicum, a powerful inflammatory agent that occurs naturally in cayenne peppers.

Effect:

OC is the inflammatory agent that will cause mucous membranes to swell, producing an immediate closing of the eyes, uncontrollable coughing, gagging and gasping for breath. OC also produces a sensation of intense burning of the skin. These physiological effects produce a complaint subject who has lost coordination and upper body motor control, thereby precluding any further intended aggressive behavior. You can then restrain/control with minimum physical contact. This reduces the risk of injury for the Officer and the person restrained. OC has major lasting effects (beyond 30-45 minutes). If a person takes longer than 45 minutes to recover, they should be immediately evaluated by medical personnel.

Department Policy:

The use of OC may be used at the Officer's discretion under the following circumstances:

- 1. When necessary to defend himself or others.
- 2. To effect an arrest.
- 3. To prevent the commission of an offense.
- 4. When lower levels of force are deemed ineffective.
- 5. Officers shall use only the amount of OC needed to control the situation.
- 6. OC should not be used on subjects who are already in restraints.
- 7. Officers should make every reasonable attempt to warn and remove bystanders from the area prior to OC use.
- 8. Anytime OC is used on another person, Officer will report its use to the on duty supervisor as soon as possible.

It should be noted that OC DOES NOT AFFECT EVERYONE and is not intended to replace the Police baton. Also other factors should be taken into consideration prior to using OC spray, such as wind, weather conditions, bystanders, contamination of other Officers and its use is at the discretion of the Officer.



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Orders of Protection:

When we receive an Order of Protection to serve you will start an incident report under Aid-Aided Case.

The Officer opening the letter or receiving the order will start the report and assign it to an Officer on that shift.

If the order cannot be served on the receiving shift it will be document in the incident report and assigned to the oncoming shift. Any transfers of the Order of Protection to another shift or to the State Police or other Police Agency will be document also in the incident report. (Which Agency and which Law Enforcement Officer) Documentation of the service by another Agency needs to be added to the incident report to close the case.

All Orders of Protection will be served in a timely manner.