5-06/040.35 - Procedure for Use of Individually Issued Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) and OC+ Chlorobenzylidene Malononitrile (CS) Blended Aerosol Agents

Personally issued aerosol chemical agents are dispensed from the following canisters:

- Two or four ounce OC spray; or
- Two or four ounce OC+CS blended agents spray.

Individually issued OC or OC+CS blended agents may be used in situations where a deputy must use physical force to protect himself or other persons from assault, to overcome resistance to effect an arrest, or to restrain a violent person in custody. Personnel must be aware when using the individually issued OC or OC+CS blended agents that the intended target is the face/eyes and the maximum effective range is 10â€‘12 feet.

The following policy guidelines must be followed at all times:

- Each uniformed personnel from the rank of lieutenant and below will be issued OC or OC+CS blended agents upon completion of the required training. OC or OC+CS blended agents shall be carried by all on-duty, uniform personnel while engaged in enforcement activities. OC or OC+CS blended agents shall also be carried by all non-uniform personnel actively engaged in patrol or investigative activities. Any exception shall be at the discretion of the division chief; and
- OC or OC+CS blended agents may only be carried, on or off-duty, by Department members who have received Departmental training in its use. Non-sworn personnel who are authorized by their respective division chief may carry and/or use OC or OC+CS blended agents while in the performance of their duties; OC and OC+CS blended agents were developed to create a strong irritant, which may affect the eyes, respiratory areas, and the skin. These agents may cause a complaint of discomfort as opposed to a complaint of pain. A complaint of discomfort (i.e. irritation or redness) to the eyes, respiratory areas, or skin after any use of OC or OC + CS blended aerosol agents shall be reported as a less significant force and shall be governed by MPP section 3-10/100.00, “Use of Force Review and Reporting Procedures.” A complaint of pain (i.e. blindness, chemical burns, or an allergic reaction) shall be reported as significant force and shall be governed by MPP section 3-10/100.00, “Use of Force Review and Reporting Procedures.”