3-02-050 MK-9 Aerosol Canister Procedures

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the use of the MK-9 Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) aerosol canister.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) North Facility.

ORDER:

MK-9 aerosol canisters shall be routinely deployed and carried within PDC North Facility. Title 15 deputies, Inmate Processing Area (IPA) deputies, rangers, clinic deputies, laundry deputies, and facility rangers shall be assigned an MK-9 aerosol canister.

It is recommended that the utility, maintenance, and Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) officers also carry an MK-9 aerosol canister when they are supervising inmate work crews.

MK-9 aerosol canisters shall never be left unsecured. In the event an MK-9 aerosol canister is not passed directly at shift change, it shall be secured in the MK-9 aerosol canister locker cabinet located in main control. The placement or removal of any MK-9 aerosol canister from the cabinet shall be documented in the MK-9 aerosol canister log at main control. At the beginning of each shift, the watch deputy/desk officer shall conduct an inventory of the MK-9 aerosol canisters. Any deficiencies shall be immediately reported to a supervisor.

Deputies assigned the MK-9 aerosol canister shall perform a pre-shift assessment of the canister and determine if any deficiencies exist. The training office shall be contacted if a replacement is required.