

COUNTY OF WETASKIWIN NO. 10 Municipal Policy & Procedures Manual	FUNCTION: 2000 PROTECTIVE SERVICES
	SECTION: 2100 COMMUNITY PEACE OFFICERS

USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY – POLICY 2103

POLICY STATEMENT

The Council of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 has been requested by the Wetaskiwin Protective Services Department to permit Community Peace Officers to carry OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray on their person, while actively carrying out the duties of a Community Peace Officer.

OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (O.C.) is an inflammatory agent that occurs naturally in Cayenne Pepper that is designed to incapacitate a subject who can then be controlled with minimal physical contact.

County Council approved a resolution at it's meeting held Monday, May 9th, 1994, to make application to Alberta Solicitor General, to permit Community Peace Officers of the County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 to carry OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray on their persons to be used during the execution of their duties as a Community Peace Officer.

PROCEDURES

1. The County may issue OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray to Community Peace Officers who may be required to utilize OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray during the execution of their duties providing that:
 - a) the OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray is the same strength and composition as that being utilized by the Provincial Police Service (R.C.M.P.) or other Municipal Police Departments.
 - b) OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray is utilized as an aid in the arrest of a resisting person, or to control a person or crowd when lesser means are not likely to succeed, or have failed, and more severe means are not yet required.
 - c) OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray is utilized to control an attack or threat of attack from animals.
 - d) The Community Peace Officer is eligible to be issued OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray.

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2. The issue of OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray to a Community Peace Officer is conditional upon:
 - a) Successful completion of a training course approved by the Alberta Solicitor General.
 - b) Approval from the Alberta Solicitor General.
3. Community Peace Officers shall only use the OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray that is issued by the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer.
4. The Assistant Chief Administrative Officer will ensure that there is on hand, in the department, at all times, replacement OLEORESIN CAPSICUM canisters.
5. When OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray canisters are in the office, not on any person, they must be locked in a cabinet.
 - a) Replacement canisters must be stored in a locked cabinet.
6. When OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray canisters are in the possession of Community Peace Officers at their residence, when it is not reasonable to have it locked at the office, the Community Peace Officer must ensure proper storage of the OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray, preferably in a locked container.

POST INCIDENT GUIDELINES

7. Any Community Peace Officer involved in an occurrence where OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray was utilized, either by himself or any other Community Peace Officer SHALL:
 - a) wait at least 10 seconds before approaching the subject who has been sprayed to allow the potency of the Spray in the air to diminish to a tolerable level, to avoid personal contamination.
 - b) encourage the subject whom has been sprayed to relax and breathe normally.
 - c) decontaminate the subject at the first reasonable opportunity by exposing the affected area to fresh air and flushing the contaminated area with cool water if available.
 - d) not force the decontamination upon a subject who refuses decontamination, although the Community Peace Officer responsible for the subject shall offer periodic access to water.
 - e) shall provide immediate medical attention if the symptoms persist beyond reasonable limits as outlined in the training.

REPORT OF DISCHARGE

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- 8(1). Any Community Peace Officer who during the course of his duties must utilize OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray must:
- a) report the occurrence forthwith to the Assistant Chief Administrative Officer.
 - b) complete a standard occurrence report outlining the circumstances surrounding the use of the spray.
 - c) outline in the occurrence report details regarding place and time of decontamination or refusal of decontamination by the subject, and all subsequent attempts at decontamination.
 - d) complete a standard Use of Force form.
- (2) The Assistant Chief Administrative Officer shall notify the Alberta Justice Public Security Department, in writing, of the circumstances surrounding the discharge of OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray pursuant to the Police Act and regulations thereto.

RESTRICTIONS OF USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY

9. Community Peace Officers must recognize and abide by policy currently in place by the Provincial Police Service regarding the use of OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray within a detention area or vehicle security bay.
- NOTE:**
To avoid cross contamination of bystanders, the use of OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray within any detention area is restricted to situations of extreme violence or when other means of prisoner restraint cannot reasonably be achieved.

QUALIFICATIONS

10. All Community Peace Officers shall:
- a) be trained in the use, care, and handling of OLEORESIN CAPSICUM Spray in accordance with Alberta Solicitor General standards.
 - b) undergo annual testing, if directed to do so by the Alberta Solicitor General, in accordance with Alberta Solicitor General standards.

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