

MEDINA POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL ORDER

ORDER NO: 2017-021

SUBJECT: Oleoresin Capsicum
O.C. Spray

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 April 2017

RESCINDS ORDER NO: 00-11-01

DISTRIBUTION: All Sworn Personnel

PURPOSE: To establish procedures for the use of O.C. Spray by members of the Medina Police Department.

I. POLICY

- A. Members of the Medina Police Department shall be issued a canister of Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Spray upon completion of a Basic Course.
- B. The standard issue of the Medina Police Department will be, but not limited to, PUNCH II.
- C. Members shall carry the issued O.C. Spray while on duty. The O.C. Spray shall be carried in such a location that it can be made readily available to the officer.
- D. Members may carry the issued O.C. Spray while off-duty and may be used in actions they are lawfully acting as Police Officer pursuant to Article 35 of the Penal Law in New York State.

II. PROCEDURES

- A. O.C. Spray may be used to protect the officer or another person using techniques contained in the OLEORESIN CAPSICUM AEROSOL TRAINING COURSE.
- B. O.C. Spray may be used to effect an arrest, take a person into custody or control a suspect or a person who may injure himself, the officer or another person.
- C. O.C. Spray may be used on animals.
- D. A member using issued O.C. Spray on a person or persons shall document the use on a Medina Police Department Subject Resistance Form and follow the procedures outlined in the Use of Force General Order.

- E. In the case where O.C. Spray is used and control of a suspect was obtained the officer shall then commence the decontamination process as prescribed in the training course by using departmental facilities.
- F. In the case where O.C. Spray is used and the suspect wants medical attention, the officer shall without timely delay afford medical attention to the suspect.

By Order Of:

Chad Kenward
Chief of Police