

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY (OC-PEPPER SPRAY)  
SUBJECT

DATE: AUGUST 10,2020

NO: Q-1d

FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

INDEX: Pepper Spray (OC)

I. POLICY

- A. Pepper Spray will only be used as a defensive or control weapon in those instances where a Department member is confronted with active resistance that threatens the safety of an officer or other persons. Officers shall give a verbal warning of the force that they intend to use, when feasible, before using any force.
- B. Pepper Spray authorized by the Chief of Police will be used.
- C. Pepper Spray will not be used against non-aggressive and/or non-threatening persons.

II. PROCEDURE

- A. Because pepper spray is irritating to the eyes, nose, and skin, Department members who use pepper spray will ensure that any person who is the object of such use receives adequate treatment as soon as practical. Generally, flushing the areas of the body exposed to the pepper spray with large amounts of water will constitute adequate treatment.
- B. Persons with highly-sensitive skin may experience mild burns, and first-aid treatment at a medical facility may be required.
- C. Persons who display or complain of any severe reaction shall be transported to a medical facility as soon as possible for treatment.
- D. When booking persons exposed to pepper spray, jail personnel will be advised of this fact to prevent contamination of other jail personnel or occupants.
- E. Photographs shall be taken of any unusual serious reaction due to the use of pepper spray.
- F. Personnel who deploy pepper spray shall notify their supervisor as soon as practical.