

Policy Title: O.C. (OLEORESIN CAPSICUM) SPRAY	Policy #: PO-2-1
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for proper use of Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) Spray.

**Policy Statement:**

The Town of Beaverlodge may issue Oleoresin Capsicum spray and or Dog Repellant Spray to sworn members who may be required to utilize Oleoresin Capsicum Spray during the execution of Peace Officer duties. Oleoresin Capsicum spray must only be used in cases where a lesser amount of force would be ineffective. Members must decide using the pressure Point Control Tactics Resistance Control Continuum, whether circumstances warrant using the Oleoresin Capsicum spray and then, only force sufficient to obtain control shall be used.

**Restriction of use of O.C. spray:**

1. Sworn members may carry Oleoresin Capsicum spray only when on duty as a Peace Officer.
2. Members will recognize and abide by the policy currently in place by the Alberta Solicitor General regarding the use of Oleoresin Capsicum spray within an enclosed detention area and/or enclosed vehicle bay. (Restricted to situations of extreme violence or when other means of prisoner restraint cannot reasonably be achieved.)

Storage and care of O.C. spray:

3. Members will only carry and use Oleoresin Capsicum spray that is issued by the Town of Beaverlodge and authorized by the Alberta Solicitor General.
  4. Oleoresin Capsicum spray must only be used as a defensive tool and should not be applied to facilitate an arrest unless other means are not available.
  5. Members will not allow, lend or provide to any person, not duly authorized by law, to handle, possess or use Oleoresin Capsicum spray.
1. When Oleoresin Capsicum spray canisters are in the office and not in the possession of a sworn member, they must be stored in a locked cabinet. Replacement canisters will also be stored in the secure lockup cabinet. When members are off-duty, Oleoresin Capsicum spray will be stored in the secure lockup cabinet. If the member goes off-shift at their residence, the Oleoresin Capsicum spray must be secured within a locked cabinet while off duty.
  2. Members will inspect the Oleoresin Capsicum spray canister at regular intervals for damage and function of the canister's components.
  1. After deployment, members should wait a moment before approaching the subject. This will allow the potency of the

Post incident guidelines:

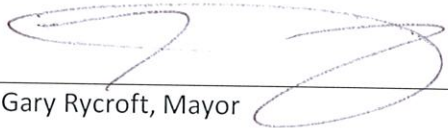
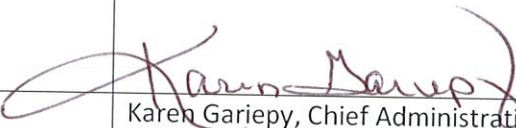
- spray in the air to diminish to a tolerable level, to avoid personal contamination.
2. Encourage the subject who has been sprayed to relax and breathe normally.
  3. Decontaminate the subject at the first reasonable opportunity by exposing the affected are to fresh air and flushing the contaminated area with cool water if available.
  4. Members should not force decontamination upon a subject who refuses decontamination. However, members are responsible for the subject, and shall offer periodic access to water.
  5. Members will provide immediate medical attention, if the symptoms persist beyond reasonable limits as outlined in the training.
  6. A member involved in an occurrence, where Oleoresin Capsicum spray was deployed on a person, either by himself or another member, shall advise the police service in the area (RCMP) forthwith of the deployment of Oleoresin Capsicum spray and request their attendance/assistance.
  7. As soon as practical, members will advise the Chief Administrative Officer of the occurrence, and complete an occurrence report.
  8. Members will forward a report within 24 hours of the incident, to the Alberta

Solicitor General, Public Security and  
Peace Officer Program Manager.

\*Dog Repellent Spray for the purposes of  
this policy will be handled to the same  
standards as written for the Oleoresin  
Capsicum spray however, it is not  
considered a controlled/prohibited device  
and therefore may be issued to  
Community Peace Officer 1, Officers  
employed by the Town of Beaverlodge  
while dealing with problem animals.

**Qualifications and training:**

1. Members shall be trained in the use, care,  
and handling of Oleoresin Capsicum spray  
in accordance with the Alberta Solicitor  
General's guidelines and standards.
2. Sworn members will undergo testing and  
training every three years, or at an  
interval as directed by the Alberta  
Solicitor General's standards.

	
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