

## JEFFERSON PARISH CONSTABLE'S OFFICE, 1<sup>ST</sup> JUSTICE COURT

# SOP-2019-002

## TITLE: USE OF O.C. SPRAY

### EFFECTIVE: June 20, 2019

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Use of OC Spray

The following is a list of acceptable devices, authorized for use by officers who have completed the JPCO (1<sup>ST</sup> Justice Court) training program for the particular device:

#### 1. DEPARTMENT APPROVED OC SPRAY

1. Use of OC Pepper Spray:

Only deputies who may have completed this agency's prescribed course of instruction on the use of OC pepper spray will be authorized to carry OC spray devices.

- a. A deputy may deploy OC pepper spray in any situation where the use of that degree of force is justified.
- b. OC spray is to be deployed to CONTROL a NON-COMPLIANT SUBJECT.
- c. Once the subject is satisfactorily detained, the deputy shall take immediate action to care for the subject.
- d. The deputy who deployed the OC Spray shall be responsible for the properly caring and monitoring of the subject who was sprayed. The only exception is that if the deputy who was involved in the deployment of the spay was injured during the incident or was contaminated by the OC as well then, an assisting deputy shall care for both.

e. OC Spay should not be deployed while working assignments were crowds are closely gathered unless it is reasonable under certain circumstances

### **C.** REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- a. Unless otherwise provided by policies and procedures, any use of OC Spray shall be reported to the deputy's immediate supervisor. This shall include:
  - Intentional use of OC Spray against a human or animal.
  - Unintentional/ accidental spraying of a co-worker, bystander, or other person during the intentional use of OC Spray.
- b. Intentional deployment of OC Spray is a use of force, less lethal use of force.

Any use of OC Spray shall be documented. Furthermore, the OC Spray Deployment form shall be completed by the deputy and turned into the following:

- Immediate Supervisor.
- Training Division.
- Internal Affairs.

If our agency is assisting the City of Gretna Police Department or the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office and a deputy deploys OC Spray he/ she shall immediately contact his/ her supervisor as well as the training/ internal affairs supervisor. The Office of the 1<sup>st</sup> Justice Constable shall then forward a copy of the OC Spray/ Taser Discharge form to the department to which the deputy was assisting.

#### **D.** APPROVED OC SPRAY

The Jefferson Parish Constable's Office shall use Sabre Red OC Spray as follows:

- Pepper Gel.
- Police Strength Tactical Series.
- 18ft (5.5M) range.
- 18 Bursts.0