
010.00 OLEORESIN CAPSICUM

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010.02 The police agency is to have a written policy and operational procedure for all operational police officers in the use and deployment of police agency Oleoresin Capsicum canisters or devices.

010.03 Operational or administrative policy and procedure approved by the police agency is to include and demonstrate:

- (a) operational police officers are to be issued an Oleoresin Capsicum canister or devices as approved by the police agency
- (b) operational police officers are to only use the police agency approved and issued Oleoresin Capsicum canisters or devices in the line of duty
- (c) an Oleoresin Capsicum is only to be discharged in the execution of police officer duty; and where risk from aggression, violence or other reasonable conditions exist given the articulation of circumstances are in the interests of public or officer safety
- (d) operational police officers are only to deploy Oleoresin Capsicum in keeping with the police agency approved use of force policy and training
- (e) operational police officers deploying Oleoresin Capsicum in the line of duty are to file a written report with the police agency as soon as reasonably possible, and any such report is to be reviewed by a police agency supervisor
- (f) safe storage and cleaning requirement
- (g) health, safety and clean up procedures for officer and public decontamination from Oleoresin Capsicum exposure

010.04 The police agency is to assure all operational police officers have received training from a recognized and certified police or subject matter instructor specific to the police agency approved Oleoresin Capsicum device, prior to a police officer performing operational duties.

010.05 The police agency is to assure all operational police officers have received training and/or re-certification training from a recognized and certified police or subject matter instructor specific to the police agency approved Oleoresin Capsicum device, as required and police officer certification is not to exceed every 36 months.

010.06 The police agency is to maintain records of Oleoresin Capsicum device training and certifications.