

## Mackenzie County

<b>Title</b>	<b>Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray Policy</b>	<b>Policy No:</b>	<b>ENF006</b>
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<b>Legislation Reference</b>	Peace Officer Act Public Security Peace Officer Program
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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this policy is to authorize the carrying and use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray by the peace officer.

### **Policy Statement:**

Mackenzie County recognizes there are circumstances where a Peace Officer may need to use OC spray in the execution of their duties.

### **Use:**

1. A peace officer's appointment authorizes them to carry and use OC spray only for the purpose of their duty or employment.
2. Authorization to use OC spray is conditional upon the peace officer successfully completing a training course recognized by the Alberta Solicitor General.
3. OC spray must only be used as a defensive tool and should not be applied to facilitate an arrest unless other means are not available.
4. OC spray shall only be carried by the peace officer while on duty and use does not extend to off duty activities.

### **Procedure:**

5. The peace officer must inform their supervisor whenever possible prior to using OC spray.
6. When a tactical advantage is not lost, the peace officer must advise the potential target(s) that OC Spray may be used if their behavior remains uncontrollable.

7. The peace officer must monitor the target(s) and seek medical assistance if the effects of the OC spray persist after one (1) hour.

**Storage:**

8. When the peace officer is off-duty, the OC spray should be secured in a locked cabinet within the County office. Replacement canisters will also be stored in the secure locked cabinet at the County office.
9. When OC spray is in possession of a peace officer at their residence, when it is not reasonable to have it locked in the office, the peace officer must ensure proper storage of the OC spray, preferably in a locked cabinet.

**Post Incident:**

10. When OC Spray has been deployed and the subject(s) has been brought under control, decontamination procedures will be commenced as soon as practical.
11. The peace officer will submit an incident report to their supervisor and to the Public Security Department on the approved form describing the incident and reasons for utilizing the OC Spray, including any accidental OC Spray discharges.

**Responsibilities:**

12. The supervisor is responsible for:
  - a. Reporting to the area, controlling the incident and approving the use of OC spray if necessary.
  - b. Ensuring that all targets affected by the OC spray are taken to a secure area removed from contamination.
  - c. Decontaminating the affected area.
  - d. Reviewing, commenting and submitting the detailed incident report.
  - e. Ensuring all peace officers carrying OC spray are recertified as required.
13. The Chief Administrative Officer or designate is responsible for ensuring that this policy is enforced.

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