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**Peace Officer: Use of  
OC Spray**

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**Policy Statement:**

Lamont County recognizes there are circumstances where a Peace Officer may need to use OC Spray: Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (Pepper Spray) in the execution of his/her duties.

**Purpose:**

Subject to the provisions of this policy and in accordance with the Peace officer Act, Peace Officer is authorized to carry and use OC Spray.

**Application of This Policy:**

QUALIFICATIONS

The issue of OC Spray: Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (Pepper Spray) to a Peace Officer is conditional upon:

- Authorization of their Appointment authorizing him/her to be in possession of OC Spray only for the purpose of its duties or employment and does not extend to off-duty activities.
- Successful completion of a training course on a use of force model recognized by the Public Security Division.
- The Peace Officer receiving specific instruction in the care, handling and use of OC Spray.
- The Peace Officer authorized to carry OC Spray are re-certified every 36 months or sooner if desired by authorized employer.

APPROVED USES

- 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.
- OC Spray may be utilized to control an attack or threat of an attack from any animals.
- Training purposes when used as part of a training course recognized by the Alberta Solicitor General.
- OC Spray shall only be carried by the Peace Officer while on duty and does not extend to off-duty activities.

## PROCEDURES

Peace officer authorized to use OC Spray must:

- Inform the Chief Administrative Officer whenever possible prior to using the OC Spray.
- When tactical advantage is not lost, advises the potential target(s) that OC Spray may be used if their behavior remains uncontrollable.
- Monitors the target(s) and seeks medical assistance if the effect of the OC Spray persists after one (1) hour.

Peace Officer must where possible report to the area, take charge of the area, take charge of the incident and approve the use of OC Spray, if necessary.

Ensure all targets affected by the OC Spray are taken to an area which is secure and removed from the contamination and provides for the decontamination.

The OC Spray carried by the Peace Officer shall be of the type recommended or required by the Alberta Peace Officer Regulations.

Review, comment and submit the detailed Incident Report to the Chief Administrative Officer and to the Public Security Division on the approved form describing the incident and reasons for utilizing the OC Spray.

**Related Documents & Legislation:** Peace Officer Ministerial Regulations Act

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