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Legislation Reference:	Peace Officer Ministerial Regulations Act
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Purpose:	<p>Smoky Lake 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.</p> <p>Subject to the provisions of this policy and in accordance with the Peace Officer Act, Peace Officer Regulations and Peace Officer Ministerial Regulations, the Peace Officer is authorized the carrying and use of OC Spray.</p>
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Policy Statement and Guidelines:

1. QUALIFICATIONS

- 1.1 The issue of OC Spray: Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (Pepper Spray) to a Peace Officer is conditional upon:
 - 1.1.1 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-duties activities.
 - 1.1.2 Successful completion of a training course on a use of force model recognized by the Public Security Division.
 - 1.1.3 The Peace Officer receiving specific instruction in the care, handling and use of OC Spray.
 - 1.1.4 The Peace Officer authorized to carry OC Spray are re-certified every 36 months or sooner if desired by authorized employer.

2. APPROVED USES

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 OC Spray may be utilized to control an attack or threat of an attack from any animals.
- 2.3 Training purposes when used as part of a training course recognized by the Alberta Solicitor General.
- 2.4 OC Spray shall only be carried by the Peace Officer while on duty and does not extend to off-duty activities.

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3. PROCEDURES

- 3.1 Peace Officer authorized to use OC Spray must:
 - 3.1.1 Inform the Chief Administrative Officer whenever possible prior to using the OC Spray.
 - 3.1.2 When tactical advantage is not lost, advises the potential target(s) that OC Spray may be used if their behavior remains uncontrollable.
 - 3.1.3 Monitors the target(s) and seeks medical assistance if the effect of the OC Spray persists after one (1) hour.
- 3.2 Peace Officer must where possible report to the area, take charge of the incident and approve the use of OC Spray, if necessary.
- 3.3 Ensures 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.
- 3.4 The OC Spray carried by the Peace Officer shall be of the type recommended or required by the Alberta Peace Officer Regulations.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Peace Officer must not allow, lend or provide to any person not duly authorized by law, to handle, possess or use OC Spray.

4. STORAGE

- 4.1 Ensure that when off-duty, the OC Spray is secured in a locked cabinet within the office. If a peace officer goes off shift at their residence, the OC Spray must be secured within a locked cabinet.
- 4.2 When OC Spray canisters are in the office, not on the Peace Officer, they must be stored in a locked cabinet.
- 4.3 Replacement canisters are in the control of the Peace Officer and must be stored in a locked cabinet.
- 4.4 When OC Spray canister is in the possession of the 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, through the use of a locked cabinet.

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5. REPORT OF DISCHARGE	
5.1	Peace Officer involved in an occurrence where OC Spray was utilized for purposes other than training shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1.1 Advise the RCMP forthwith of the deployment of OC spray and request their attendance/assistance. 5.1.2 Complete an Incident Report as per Policy 02-09: Peace Officer: Human Relations Records - Schedule "B": <u>Incident Report Form</u>, outlining the circumstances surrounding the use of the OC Spray and provide a report to the RCMP and the Public Security Department of the Solicitor General. 5.1.3 Outline in the Occurrence Report as per Policy 02-10: Peace Officer: Operational Records Management System - Schedule "A": <u>Peace Officer Occurrence Report</u>, the details regarding place and time of decontamination or refusal of decontamination by the subject, and all subsequent attempts at decontamination.
5.2	The Peace Officer shall notify the Chief Administrative Officer in writing, of the circumstances surrounding the discharge of the OC Spray.

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