

**CERTIFICATION OF DLA POLICY ON THE USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC)**

*To be read and executed by all DLA Security Force members assigned to duties requiring the carrying and use of OC. Each Security Force member must execute the certification acknowledging receipt and understanding of OC procedures prior to the issuance of OC and quarterly thereafter. The completed form will be filed in the individual's*

**OC Safety Procedures:**

1. OC may be used to facilitate an apprehension, in accordance with DLAD 5715.1, Carrying of Firearms and Use of Force by DLA Personnel, when lesser levels of force (verbal persuasion and unarmed self-defense techniques) are deemed ineffective and at your discretion, under the following circumstances:

- a. When necessary to defend yourself or others, and/or
- b. To prevent the commission of a crime.

2. If spraying within an enclosed area, you must make every attempt to warn those in the area prior to spraying. Evacuate the area if possible.

3. The effects of OC vary from subject to subject and although it is a highly effective product, **NOTHING** is always 100% effective. **OC MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY STOP A SUBJECT.**

4. If OC is used, or if someone is accidentally contaminated, you **MUST** call Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to the scene immediately. EMS will assist in the decontamination process and administer first aid, if necessary.

**Effects of OC:**

Once you use OC you should expect those contaminated to exhibit the following physical effects:

- a. The subject's eyes may close completely or they may blink open and close in a rapid fashion.
- b. The subject's respiratory system may become inflamed causing coughing, gagging, hiccuping, or a feeling by the subject that they cannot catch their breath. At this point, the subject's ability to resist may be reduced.
- c. Many subjects will experience a great degree of anxiety and may panic after being sprayed due to the effects described above.
- d. The subject's hands may go directly to their face to try to rub off the OC and they may drop whatever they are holding. They may shake or appear to tremble, sit down or drop to their hands and knees.
- e. The subject may lose their balance and lean forward or backward at the waist or "freeze up," becoming rigid and unmoving.
- f. The subject may not respond to verbal commands. They may not be intentionally failing to comply or continuing to resist. You should approach with caution and make your own threat assessment.
- g. The subject may appear to be disoriented because of a combination of these effects.

**Decontamination and First Aid:**

1. Immediately upon gaining control of the subject and contacting EMS, you should begin the decontamination process and, if necessary, provide first aid. The goal is to provide immediate relief for the subject while maintaining control of the situation and ensuring your safety and the safety of others. Upon their arrival, EMS will assist in the decontamination process and/or assume responsibility for the subject's medical care, if necessary.

2. If the OC was sprayed within an enclosed area, the area and surfaces must be decontaminated prior to reoccupation.

(CONTINUED ON REVERSE)

