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329.4.2 USER RESPONSIBILITIES

All normal maintenance, charging or cleaning shall remain the responsibility of personnel using the various devices.

Any damaged, inoperative, outdated or expended control device, along with documentation explaining the cause of the damage, shall be returned to a supervisor for repair, disposal, and/or reissuance. Documentation shall also be forwarded through the chain of command, when appropriate, explaining the cause of damage.

329.5 OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) GUIDELINES

As with other control devices, OC spray may be considered for use to bring under control an individual or group of individuals who are engaging in, or are about to engage in, violent behavior. OC spray should not, however, be used against individuals or groups who merely fail to disperse or do not reasonably appear to present a risk to the safety of department members or the public.

329.5.1 OC SPRAY

Uniformed members carrying OC spray shall carry the device in its holster on the equipment belt, or vest. Plainclothes and non-field members may carry OC spray as authorized, in accordance with the needs of their assignments or at the direction of their supervisors.

After an individual is exposed to OC Spray, officers shall notify a supervisor as soon as possible. In the case a supervisor is unavailable, e-mail notification alerting all supervisory staff of a OC Spray deployment is appropriate. In the event an individual has an adverse effect and experiences health problems due to OC Spray exposure, a supervisor needs to be contacted immediately, in person, or by phone. The supervisor shall ensure that all notifications and reports are completed as required by the Use of Force Policy.

Each separate deployment of OC Spray shall be documented. An unintentional discharge shall be promptly reported to a supervisor and documented on the appropriate report form. Only non-incident use of OC Spray such as training or a product demonstration, is exempt from the reporting requirement.

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should include advisement that cleanup will be at the owner's expense. Information regarding how and when the notice was delivered and the individuals notified should be included in related reports.

329.6.1 DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Before discharging OC Spray, the officer should consider such factors as:

- a. Distance and angle to target.
- b. The subject's proximity to others.
- c. The location of the subject.
- d. Whether the subject's actions dictate the need for an immediate response and the use of control devices appears appropriate.

[REDACTED] it would otherwise endanger the safety of officers or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances.