



Las Cruces Police Department
GENERAL ORDERS
FIELD OPERATIONS VOLUME 2
GO-213 OLEORESIN CAPSICUM SPRAY
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POLICY

Oleoresin Capsicum Spray (O/C) may be used to subdue a subject who is resisting or interfering with an arrest, or to prevent the possibility of injury to any person. Oleoresin Capsicum Spray may also be used to ward off threatening dogs and other animals.

213.01 PROCEDURE

- A. Only personnel authorized and trained in the use of O/C spray may carry and use it.
- B. Departmental personnel using O/C spray will direct a one to two second application into the face of the subject. A second application may be used if the subject continues to actively resist.
- C. After spraying, the subject should be immediately handcuffed and appropriate decontamination procedures will be followed.
- D. Subjects should recover within twenty minutes of the spraying. If the effects persist beyond twenty minutes, the subject should be transported to the hospital emergency room. Salves or ointments should not be used on affected areas.
- E. Departmental personnel will document, in detail, the use of O/C spray. Documentation will be done on an incident report and Subject Resistance Form.