



Roll Call Training Bulletin

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Sabre Red OC Gel

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The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) has authorized the use of Sabre Red Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Gel. This bulletin provides guidance on what officers may expect when using this less lethal force option. The deployment and utilization of this less lethal force option shall be in accordance with:

- General Order 522.02 - Emergency Care for Individuals Under Police Care or Control
- General Order 580.02 - Use of Force
- General Order 580.03 - Use of Force Reporting
- General Order 580.12 - Less Lethal Weapon Systems
- Reference Manual 580.07 - Chemical Agents Manual

The Sabre Red OC Gel is a less-lethal, water-based tool containing a concentrated, sticky chili pepper extract that causes temporary blindness, burning sensation, and respiratory distress upon contact. Characteristics of the Sabre Red OC Gel include:

- Does not atomize in the air, which is advantageous indoors by reducing cross contamination.
- Has a thicker consistency which reduces deflection and blowback in the wind but cannot be thrown back at officers.
- Travels further (approximately 20 feet), increasing the standoff distance with subjects.
- OC gel canisters function in the same manner as OC spray canisters.
- OC gel decontamination procedures remain the same as OC spray.

Prior to deployment of Sabre Red OC Gel, employees are required to attend OC Gel training from a designated instructor. Below are photos of the Sabre Red OC Gel (left) and the Defense Technologies OC Spray (Right).

