



## **OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) STANDARD PA003**

### **AUTHORITY**

California Penal Code 13601(a)(1): The CPOST shall develop, approve, and monitor standards for the selection and training of state correctional peace officer apprentices.

### **BACKGROUND**

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) has authorized the use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) products as a less lethal option for Parole Agents (PA) in the performance of their duties. While on duty, those parole agents authorized by the Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) policy to carry OC, shall only carry dispensers approved and issued by DAPO.

### **STANDARD**

All PAs shall be trained in CDCR's policies and procedures concerning OC and demonstrate the skills and abilities required to safely use and deliver approved formats of OC in accordance with the CDCR use of force policy.

### **COMPONENTS OF STANDARD**

PAs will have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide for their safety and the safety of others when confronted with a difficult situation. When faced with the decision to use force, PAs will ensure the use of force complies with the law, Department policy, and is appropriate for the situation. If OC pepper spray is used, PAs will be able to:

- Properly deploy OC pepper spray
- Properly decontaminate an affected person/area
- If necessary, when safe to do so, render first aid after use of OC pepper spray
- Write special incident reports after using OC pepper spray

## **CITATIONS**

- 1) Chapter 8, Article 39 Parole Agent Equipment, 85050.1 Policy, Standard Equipment
- 2) Chapter 8, Article 46, 86010.11 Parole Agent Arming
- 3) Chapter 8, Article 46, 86010.15 Required Equipment for Quarterly Firearms Training
- 4) Chapter 8, Article 46, 86010.35 Chemical Agent policy
- 5) Chapter 8, Article 86010.36 Relinquishing Chemical Agent Policy