

**SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

DATE/TIME: SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 1700 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 21-22
SUBJECT: OC SPRAY REQUIREMENTS
COST CENTER: 1914161111
SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: 1.06

Effective immediately, the only authorized Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) liquid chemical agent spray to be carried by Department members shall be that issued by Operational Support.

Department members are ordered to check their OC spray canisters and ensure they are carrying First Defense/Defense Technology (commonly referred to as DefTec) brand OC spray **with a concentration of .2%**. Any other brand or formula, including Sabre Red or the DefTec .4% (identified by a yellow band on the canister with .4% emblazoned over the First Defense graphic), shall not be carried and must be removed from all on-duty gear **immediately**.

Department supervisors shall ensure that all of their personnel assigned OC spray have the proper DefTec .2% spray(s) issued and no other brands or concentrations are present on their on-duty gear.

Department members issued additional OC liquid chemical agent spray equipment, other than that mentioned, are exempted from this order as long as the individual Department member is authorized by Operational Support, or their chain of command, to carry the specific OC liquid chemical agent spray.

Department members who need to replace a DefTec liquid chemical agent shall do the following:

1. Return empty or damaged canisters to Operational Support for proper disposal and a replacement canister. After business hours, return empty or damaged canisters to the Watch Commander's Office and, if available, a replacement canister will be issued.
2. Report any theft or loss of issued liquid chemical agent on a Case Report. A copy of the report will be forwarded to the Records Division.

Department Procedure 1.06 is being updated to reflect this change.

If you have any questions, please refer to San Diego Police Department Procedure 1.06 or contact Sergeant Ivan Garcia, Operational Support Unit, at 619-531-2172.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.