


<p><b>RABUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b></p>  <p><b>General Order Number: 12.06</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Issue</b></p> <p><b>2/23/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Effective Date</b></p> <p><b>2/23/2016</b></p>	<p><b>Revision Date</b></p>
<p>Subject: <b>O.C. PEPPER SPRAY TRAINING</b></p>	<p>Amends:</p>	<p>Rescinds:</p>	
<p>Index as: O.C. Pepper Spray Training Training Unit</p>	<p>State Certification Standards: 1.14, 1.18</p>		

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this General Order is to prescribe the policies and procedures of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office regarding the training with and issuing of O.C. Pepper Spray.

**STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It shall be the policy of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office that all deputies who are required to do so will attend and successfully complete training on O.C. Pepper Spray. Deputies will also have to have an active exposure to O.C. Pepper Spray/Foam to be certified to carry it while employed with the Rabun County Sheriff's Office.

**DISCUSSION**

The training and use of O.C. Pepper Spray is an important element of an deputy's training in that the O.C. Pepper Spray is an effective tool that the deputy can use to successfully complete his or her assigned duties. It is also very important that the deputy be trained in the proper techniques to use the pepper spray in a lawful manner.

**DEFINITIONS**

O.C. PEPPER SPRAY – Oleoresin Capsicum Pepper Spray. Often used a generic term for any pepper spray.

## I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The following are the only types of O.C. Pepper Spray authorized for use by the personnel of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office:
  - 1. The Sabre Red O.C. Pepper Spray is the type of O.C. Pepper Spray that is authorized for use by deputies of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office assigned to the Rabun County Detention Center or the Court Services Division.
- B. Deputies of the Rabun County Sheriff's Office who are authorized to carry O.C. Pepper Spray will only carry their authorized O.C. Pepper Spray whether they are in an on duty or off duty assignment. No other types of O.C. Pepper Spray are authorized for use by the deputies of this department.
- C. The Rabun County Sheriff's Office will make adjustments in the types of O.C. Pepper Spray utilized by the deputies of this department on an on-going basis as needed.
- D. All deputies who are authorized to carry O.C. Pepper Spray while employed by the Rabun County Sheriff's Office will, before being issued the O.C. Pepper Spray:
  - 1. Successfully complete training in the departmental USE OF FORCE Policy and how the use of the O.C. Pepper Spray relates to said policy;
  - 2. Be issued copies of the USE OF FORCE Policy and documentation made of such issue;
  - 3. Successfully complete the required block of instruction in the proper techniques in using and decontamination after the use the O.C. Pepper Spray;
  - 4. Successfully complete a skills test demonstrating that the deputy is qualified to carry the O.C. Pepper Spray; and
  - 5. Be subjected to an active exposure to the O.C. Pepper Spray.
- E. Deputies who advise that they are medically unable to attend the O.C. Pepper Spray training will be required to submit a physician's medical excuse and will be exempt from attending the training. These deputies will not be allowed to carry O.C. Pepper Spray until they successfully complete the training. These deputies may be subject to reassignment due to the deputy's medical condition and the extreme chance of exposure due to secondary contamination.
- F. Deputies who are authorized to carry the O.C. Pepper Spray are required to successfully complete a re-certification class every year to maintain their certification. Any deputy who fails to complete the re-certification class or fails to attend the re-certification class is not authorized to carry the O.C. Pepper Spray until he or she successfully completes the re-certification class. Re-certification will not require an active pepper spray exposure, but will require that the deputy be knowledgeable about the usage and effects of O.C. Pepper Spray.
- G. All training in the Sabre Red O.C. Pepper Spray will be conducted by a certified instructor and will be placed in the deputy's training file.

## II. DELIVERY SYSTEMS

A. deputies assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division, the Court Services Division and the Inmate Services Unit of the Rabun County Detention Center will be issued and carry the Sabre Red O.C. Pepper Spray that delivers the product in a cone shaped pattern.



By Order of the Sheriff: **Chad K. Nichols**  
Sheriff, Rabun County