

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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Introduction: This policy is being updated to require the Chief's authorization for crowd control weapons during protests or demonstrations.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-313 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

5-313 ~~USE OF CHEMICAL AGENTS—POLICY~~
(10/16/02) (08/17/07) (10/01/10) (09/04/12) (06/10/13) (06/16/20)

A. Use of Chemical Agents

1. ~~The MPD approved chemical agents may be used as is considered~~ a non-lethal use of force. The use of chemical agents shall be consistent with current MPD training and MPD policies governing the use of force (~~Policy and Procedure Manual, Sections 5-300 Use of Force including all sections in P&P 5-300~~).
2. Chemical agents, regardless of canister size, shall only be used against subjects under the following circumstances: ~~(06/10/13)~~
 - a. On subjects who are exhibiting Active Aggression, or;
 - b. For life saving purposes, or;
 - c. On subjects who are exhibiting active resistance in order to gain control of a subject and if lesser attempts at control have been or would likely be ineffective, or;
~~(06/10/13)~~
 - d. During crowd control situations ~~if authorized by a supervisor~~ only when authorized in accordance with P&P 5-312 Force During Civil Disturbances. ~~(See 5-312 Civil Disturbances) (09/04/12) (06/10/13)~~

3. Chemical agents shall not be used against persons who are only displaying Passive Resistance as defined by policy. ~~(09/04/12) (06/10/13)~~
4. Sworn MPD employees shall exercise due care to ensure that only intended persons are exposed to the chemical agents.

B. Treatment and Aid for Chemical Agent Exposure

~~5-313.01 Use of Chemical Agents Post Exposure Treatment/Medical Aid (10/01/10)~~

1. ~~Post~~ In addition to standard medical treatment after use of force (in accordance with P&P 5-306), post exposure treatment (Medical Aid) for a person that has been exposed to the chemical agent shall include one or more of the following:
 - Removing the affected person from the area of exposure.
 - Exposing the affected person to fresh air.
 - Rinsing the eyes/ and skin of the affected person with cool water (if available).
 - ~~Render medical aid consistent with training and request EMS response for evaluation at any time if necessary~~ *[Covered in 5-306]*
 2. Sworn employees shall keep a person exposed to the chemical agent under close observation until they are released to medical or other law enforcement personnel.
 3. An officer who has used a chemical agent shall inform individuals accepting custody that it was used on the person.
 4. Use of chemical agents to prevent the swallowing of narcotics is prohibited.
- ~~A CAPRS report shall be completed when chemical agents are used.~~ *[Covered in 5-306]*