



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

465 – HAND-HELD CHEMICAL AGENT

GENERAL ORDER: 2023-XX
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EFFECTIVE: May 16, 2023

REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
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ACTION: Amends General Order 2019-02 (January 8, 2019)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 5.1.1, 5.1.4, 5.2.1,
5.3.1, 12.1.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.4

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

465.15 SUBJECTS AFFECTED BY CHEMICAL AGENTS (WILEAG 5.2.1)

B. Police members shall, after using a chemical agent on an individual, render first aid in accordance with SOP 460.45 (Use of Force).

CB. Police members shall, after using a chemical agent on an individual, provide an opportunity for him/her to eliminate the effects of the irritant by washing or flushing the affected areas with cool water. This cleansing should take place, as soon as feasible, to the extent that the subject can be controlled without possible injury to self or others. Further, such individuals shall be informed that it is inadvisable to use creams, ointments, or bandages on affected areas. If the chemical comes in contact with the individual's clothing, the continual rubbing of the skin against the affected clothing, such as a collar or cuff, may cause an irritation and/or reddening of the skin area.

Members shall use professional communication skills to calm and reassure the individual who may feel panicked. Members shall advise the individual that the effects will wear off in 30-45 minutes.

~~C. Police members shall immediately activate the Emergency Medical System (EMS), which includes calling for an ambulance and rendering first aid, when:~~

- ~~1. Individuals in police custody on whom a chemical agent has been used complain of continued effects after having the affected areas flushed.~~
- ~~2. The individual shows signs of medical distress, which includes but is not limited to the individual displaying any respiratory problems, has a history of respiratory disease, is unconscious, has no pulse, has difficulty breathing, or is incoherent.~~

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