

Geneva Police Department <b>GENERAL ORDERS</b>		<b>IMPACT WEAPONS &amp; DEFENSIVE SPRAY</b>	
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<b>I. PURPOSE</b>	The purpose of this General Order is to establish policies and procedures for the use of impact weapons and defensive spray by sworn officers of the Geneva Police Department.
<b>II. POLICY</b>	It is the policy of the Geneva Police Department that sworn Officers shall carry and use only those impact weapons and defensive spray issued by the Department, and that the use of those weapons shall be within the limits established by Article 35 of the New York State Penal Law and consistent with the training and policies of the Department.
<b>III. DEFINITIONS</b>	<p><b>A. <u>IMPACT WEAPON</u></b>- A device used to apply force against a resisting or assaultive subject, or to effect a blocking or defensive technique. This shall include the Monadnock Expandable Baton (MEB).</p> <p><b>B. <u>DEFENSIVE SPRAY</u></b>- Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Spray and similar agents.</p>
<b>IV. AUTHORIZED IMPACT/AEROSOL WEAPONS</b>	<p><b>A.</b> Department Personnel, who are authorized and properly trained to carry impact weapons and defensive spray, will carry and use only those impact weapons and defensive spray that are authorized and issued by the Department.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Personnel will be provided with training and demonstrate proficiency in the proper use of impact weapons and defensive spray prior to being authorized to carry such weapons.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Members of the Geneva Police Department will be issued and authorized to carry the following impact weapon and defensive spray:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monadnock Expandable Baton</li> <li>2. Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Spray</li> </ol> <p><b>D.</b> Officers may not carry any other impact weapon or defensive spray other than listed in §IV(C)(1)(2) of this Order, unless specifically authorized by the Chief of Police.</p> <p><b>E.</b> The impact weapon and defensive spray shall be carried and/or utilized only as issued and authorized, and no changes, alterations, modifications, or substitutions shall be made to same.</p> <p><b>F.</b> Officers are responsible for providing maximum security for the impact weapon and defensive spray while in their possession or under their control. The impact weapon or defensive spray shall not be left in police vehicles when officers are not on duty, or in unsecured areas of the Public Safety Building.</p>

<p><b>V. IN-SERVICE TRAINING</b></p>	<p><b>A.</b> All Officers authorized to carry the impact weapon and defensive spray shall receive in-service refresher training on the MEB and Oleoresin Capsicum Spray and demonstrate proficiency with their use on a biennially basis.</p> <p>1. All such training will be monitored by Instructors that are certified MEB / Defensive Spray Instructors. Documentation of this training and the officers' proficiency in the use of the aforementioned weapons will be recorded by the respective Instructor and forwarded to the Lieutenant/Uniform Force (LT/UF) who will maintain the training files.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Remedial Training</p> <p>1. The need for remedial training will be assessed by LT/UF in consultation with the MEB / Defensive Spray Instructor.</p> <p>a. If remedial training is needed, the LT/UF will require attendance of the officer(s) at the remedial training program via Training Directives.</p> <p>b. Upon completion of Remedial Training, the officer must demonstrate proficiency in the use of the MEB / Defensive Spray and shall not be returned to duty with that weapon until such is demonstrated and documented. Such training will be documented by the LT/UF who will maintain a file of same.</p>
<p><b>VI. MONANDNOCK EXPANDABLE BATON</b></p>	<p><b>A.</b> All authorized personnel, unless excused by the Chief of Police, will carry their issued MEB while on duty.</p> <p>1. Patrol Officers and other authorized personnel will carry the MEB in the issued holder, which shall be attached to the officers' duty belt or duty issued outer carrier.</p> <p>2. Officers assigned to the Detective Unit and other plain clothes details do not have to have the MEB on their person, however must have the MEB readily available (in vehicle).</p> <p><b>B.</b> The Chief of Police will designate personnel trained as MEB Instructors to direct the Department's MEB training program. Prior to the issuance to officers' of the MEB, the certified MEB Instructor will review, inspect and approve each MEB and see that it is free from defections. Those Instructors will ensure that lesson plans of the training and serial numbers of the PR-24 issued to each officer are forwarded to the LT/UF who will maintain the training file and keep records of the MEBs.</p>
<p><b>VII. OLEORESIN CAPSICUM AEROSOL SPRAY</b></p>	<p>The use of Defensive Spray is an option granted to officers as an alternative in those situations where the potential for injury to an officer or to a third person exists.</p> <p><b>A.</b> Patrol Officers and other authorized personnel will carry their issued Defensive Spray in the issued holder, which shall be attached to their duty belt.</p> <p><b>B.</b> Officers working plain-clothed or other non-uniformed duties will carry their Defensive Spray in a manner prescribed by the Chief of Police.</p> <p><b>C.</b> Officers are responsible for monitoring the condition of their issued Defensive Spray canister and for requesting replacement when the canister is expended or damaged.</p> <p><b>D.</b> Supervisors shall periodically inspect the canisters issued to their officers to insure compliance with this Order.</p>

<p><b>VII. OLEORESIN CAPSICUM AEROSOL SPRAY (CONT.)</b></p>	<p><b>E.</b> The Chief of Police will designate personnel trained as Defensive Spray Instructors to oversee the Department’s Defensive Spray training program. Those designated personnel will ensure that lesson plans of the training and assigned Defensive Spray canister numbers issued to each officer are forwarded to the LT/UF who will maintain the Defensive Spray training files and also ensure that a sufficient inventory of Oleoresin Capsicum Spray is maintained. Prior to the issuance of Defensive Spray, the Certified Defensive Spray Instructor will review, inspect and approve each canister of Defensive Spray to see that it is free of any defects.</p> <p><b>F.</b> Defensive Spray has a manufacturer-recommended expiration date. Officers should inspect the canister for the expiration and inspect the holster for damage or wear. During the inspection, the officer should vigorously shake the canister to prevent the contents from settling.</p> <p><b>G.</b> Defensive Spray is effective against many animals and may be employed by officers to deter an attacking animal.</p>
<p><b>VIII. REPORTING PROCEDURES</b></p>	<p><b>A.</b> Whenever officers use the impact weapon or defensive spray, the officer shall complete a “Use of Force” report as outlined in <i>G.O. 400, §III (L)(1)(c)</i>.</p> <p><b>B.</b> In all cases where the impact weapon or defensive spray has been utilized, a supervisor shall be notified as soon as practically possible.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approved By</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>MICHAEL J. PASSALACQUA</b> <i>CHIEF OF POLICE</i></p>