



# Minneapolis Police Department Policy and Procedure Manual

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## Volume Five – Code of Conduct and Use of Force

### Use of Force

#### 5-313 Control Option- Chemical Munitions

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##### I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to expand on the requirements of other force policies, specifically related to chemical munitions.

##### II. Definitions

**Chemical Munitions:** Munitions designed to deliver chemical agents from a launcher or be propelled by hand.

##### Terms defined in P&P 5-302:

- Carry
- Deliver
- Discharge
- Display
- Engaged with a Subject
- Point
- Use

##### III. Policy

###### A. Policy and Guiding Principles

In addition to the specifications in this policy, employees shall follow the requirements of all other applicable policies, including but not limited to, the Guiding Principles and other standards in P&P 5-301.

###### B. Consistent With Policy and Training

Officers shall only use chemical munitions in a non-discriminatory manner, and only when such force is objectively reasonable and consistent with current MPD training and MPD policies governing the use of force (including all sections in P&P 5-300) including when used for crowd dispersal or protection.

**C. Civil Disturbances and Assemblies**

All use of chemical munitions for crowd control purposes or during civil disturbances and assemblies shall only occur in accordance with P&P 7-805.

**D. Training Required**

Chemical munitions shall only be used by employees who have successfully completed approved training.

**E. Department-Issued Chemical Munitions**

MPD officers are only authorized to use chemical munitions that are issued by the department.

**F. Only for Use by SWAT**

Chemical munitions shall only be used by trained Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) personnel on the orders of the on-duty Watch Commander or SWAT Commander.

**G. Emergency Services**

When chemical munitions are used, the Fire Department and an ambulance will be on standby at a safe distance near the target area.

**H. Canister Removal**

After the scene is secured, SWAT team members shall remove and dispose of any canisters in the area.

**I. Treatment and Medical Aid**

1. In addition to standard medical treatment after use of force (in accordance with P&P 5-301), post exposure treatment 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).
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 transferring custody of a person exposed shall inform the entity accepting custody that the person was exposed to a chemical agent.

**J. Documentation**

Officers shall document use of chemical munitions as a use of force in accordance with the policy on reporting force (P&P 5-302).

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