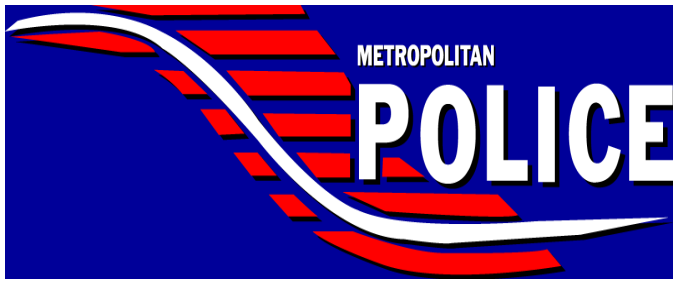


EXECUTIVE ORDER



Subject:	Spit Hoods
Number	EO-22-015
Effective Date	September 27, 2022
Related to	GO-PCA-502.01 (Transportation and Searches of Prisoners) GO-RAR-901.07 (Use of Force)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this executive order is to provide procedures for the use of the department-issued spit hood on a subject who is actively spitting or when there is reasonable belief that a subject will spit on the member or others. Members shall act in strict accordance with GO-RAR-901.07 (Use of Force) and this order when gaining control of a spitting subject.

II. PROCEDURES

A. Use of the Spit Hood

1. Members may use the spit hood when a subject is actively spitting on members or there is reasonable belief that a subject will spit on the member or others. Only department-issued spit hoods shall be used.
2. Members shall ensure that medical treatment, when necessary, is a priority.
3. When using the spit hood, members shall:
 - a. Affix the hood using the built-in elastic band and continuously observe the subject while he or she is wearing the hood;
 - b. Notify an official to report the use of the hood and assess the continued use of the hood;
 - c. Dispose of the used hood in a waste container when the hood is no longer in use; and
 - d. Document the reasons that the hood was used and whether any ill effects of the hood were observed as a result of the application of the hood in their records management system (RMS) report.
4. Proper use (i.e., application, general wearing, and removal) of the spit hood is **not**, in and of itself, a use of force.

B. Oversight

The notified official shall screen the use of the spit hood and ensure the watch commander is notified for inclusion on the PD Form 150 (Watch Commander Report).

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Robert J. Contee III
Chief of Police

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