

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Patrol

Rescinds: No Original

Title: Anti Spit Hood.

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PURPOSE

To establish the departmental procedure concerning the use of Anti – Spitting Hood.

POLICY

The Tranzport Hood is a temporary protective hood for use on those persons where a risk of exposure to infectious disease is present. If used properly, the Hood can reduce the risk of the wearer transmitting fluids (saliva and mucous) form the facial area, as by spitting, sneezing or coughing. According to the manufacturer improper use my result in serious injury or death from asphyxiation, suffocation, or drowning in one’s own fluids.

Conditions for Use

- A. The following conditions must be observed prior to use:
1. Prisoner must be under control and restrained.
 2. Wearer must be under constant visual supervision and should NOT be left unattended.
 3. Do not use on anyone that is vomiting, having difficulty breathing, or is bleeding profusely form the mouth or nose area. In such cases, prompt medical care should be obtained.
 4. Person who have been sprayed with a chemical agent (e.g., oleoresin capsicum (“OC”) spray), should be thoroughly decontaminated-including

hair, head, and clothing-prior to the application of the Hood.

5. If practical, remove all neck and facial jewelry and eyewear before application.
6. The Hood is one size fits all. If there is difficulty applying due to a large size head, discontinue use.
7. The Hood will only be used by those personnel who have received Department approved training.

Instructions for Use

- A. Open bag-remove Hood.
- B. Place Hood over the head of the person where the mesh fabric is covering the eye area (top) of the head, and the filtration fabric is covering the lower half of the head (below nostrils).
- C. For best fit, the center elastic will go under the nose and over the ears (for better protection, the elastic may be placed above the nostrils).
- D. Carefully push the white plastic Secure-Lock tab down toward the top of the head while holding the top of the mesh fabric. This should take the slack out of the top and help to secure the Hood in position. Do not push so tightly as to be uncomfortable or impair vision of the wearer.
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