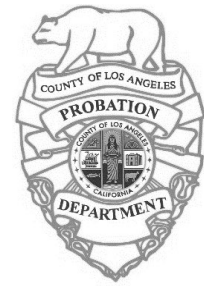




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TO: Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director  
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SUBJECT: **PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE  
USE OF OLEORESIN CAPSICUM (OC) SPRAY (22<sup>nd</sup> REPORT)**

On July 8, 2021, the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) requested that the Department provide a written report to the POC on the progress of implementing the elimination of the use of oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, including a timeline with dates for key interim benchmarks and steps toward elimination, and a specific target date when the use of OC spray will be eliminated. As of this date, the plan and timeline for eliminating OC spray have not been completed, as we assess how to address and mitigate ongoing incidents of youth-on-youth assaults, physical altercations between youth, incidents of riots and escape attempts, and assaults against staff.

The Department continues to collaborate with the California Department of Justice court-appointed monitor to develop an updated OC spray phase out strategic plan. Probation remains committed to downscaling and ultimately eliminating the use of OC spray.

## **TRAINING PLAN**

As of September 6, 2024, the Department has trained 65 employees in the 2-hour OC Spray course. The course covers the policy and decontamination procedures. Since the Department introduced the Developmental Staff System (DSS) reward behavior modification program to the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF). In total, 641 employees received an 8-hour DSS training course. The training has also been provided to employees that are temporarily re-assigned to work at SYTF.

As of January 1, 2024, the Department has trained 1,299 employees in the 8-hour Use of Force Policy training.

Since the last report, 27 instructors from the Department participated in the Gracie Survival Tactics training to equip themselves with the Safe Wrap lateral restraint technique, which aims to enhance physical control while minimizing the risk of injury for everyone involved in a use of force situation. These certified instructors will deliver training to fellow deputies in the department.

**OC UTILIZATION**

Table 1 documents OC spray incident totals by month.

**OC Utilization by Month**

MONTH	BJNJH	CJH	LPJH	MONTHLY TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
June-21	6	5		11	11
July-21	10	3		13	24
August-21	9	6		15	39
September-21	9	13		22	61
October-21	17	18		35	96
November-21	9	20		29	125
December-21	11	15		26	151
January-22	4	14		18	169
February-22	7	32		39	208
March-22	42	14		56	264
April-22	47	0		47	311
May-22	48	8		56	367
June-22	20	24		44	411
July-22	29	27		56	467
August-22	13	32		45	512
September-22	13	75		88	600
October-22	22	55		77	677
November-22	10	32		42	719
December-22	15	22		37	756
January-23	13	23		36	792
February-23	9	24		33	825
March-23	17	6		23	848
April-23	12	20		32	880
May-23	6	20		26	906
June-23	5	15		20	926
July-23	3	7	1	11	937
August-23	0	0	46	46	983
September-23	0	0	40	40	1,023
October-23	0	0	51	51	1,074
November-23	1	0	43	44	1,118
December-23	2	0	37	39	1,157

MONTH	BJNJH	CJH	LPJH	MONTHLY TOTAL	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
January-24	2	0	23	25	1,182
February-24	2	0	26	28	1,210
March-24	1	0	36	37	1,247
April-24	3	0	48	51	1,298
May-24	1	0	43	44	1,342
June-24	1	0	42	43	1,385
July-24	5	0	59	64	1,449
August-24	1	0	51	52	1,501
September-24	2	0	52	54	1,555
October-24	0	0	52	52	1,607
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>1,607</b>	

Chart 1 illustrates the respective facility OC spray trends.

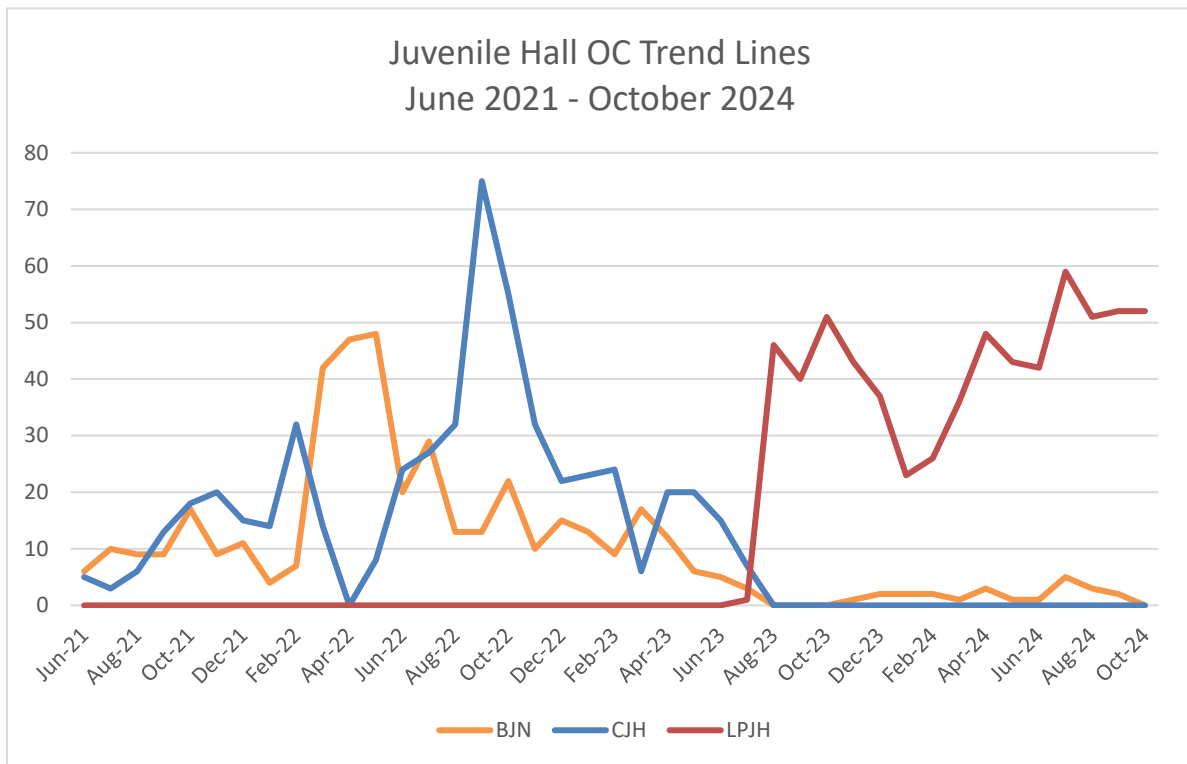
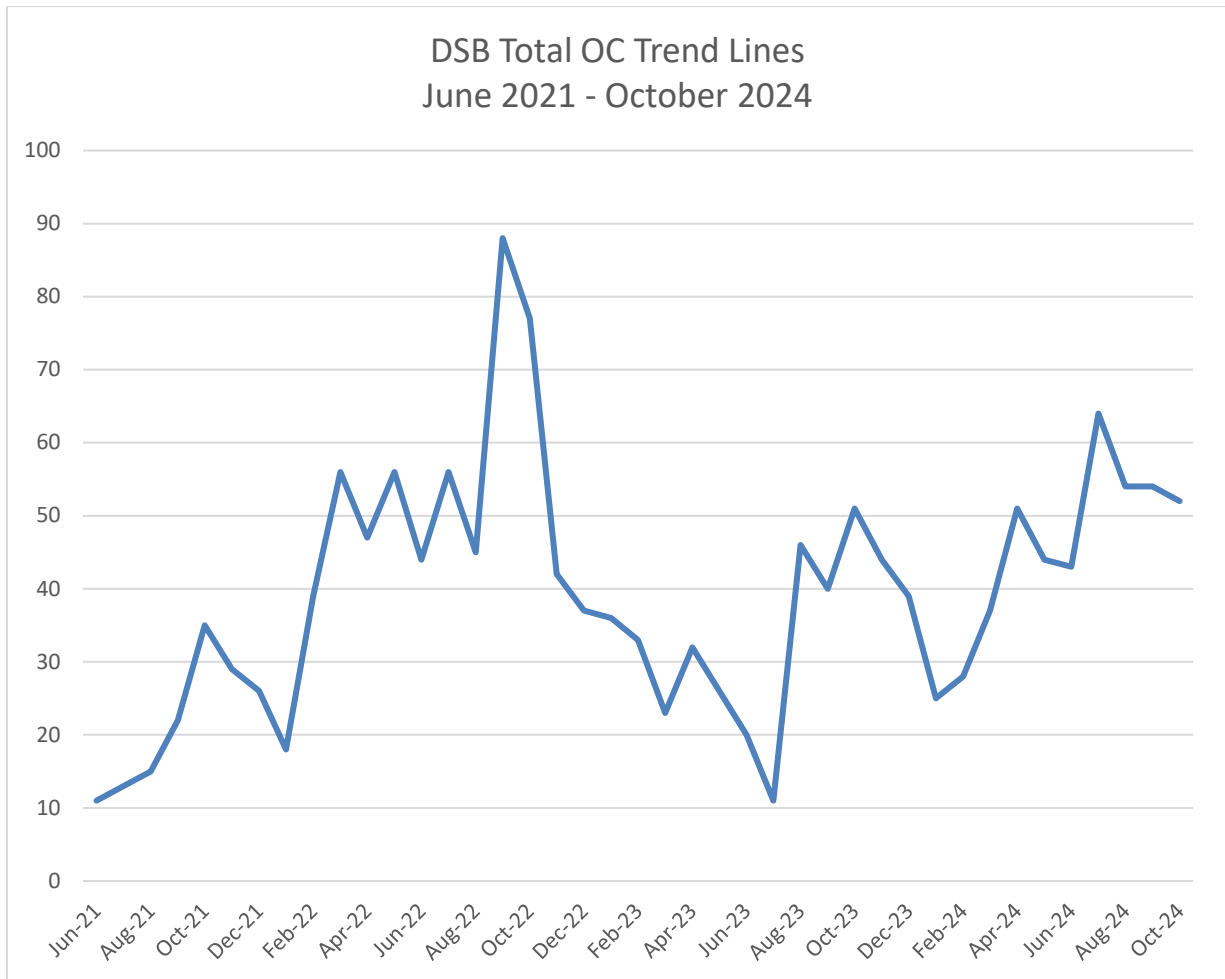


Chart 2 illustrates the combined total OC Spray trends for both SYTF and DSB facilities.



### **TIMELINE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF OC SPRAY**

The Department continues to collaborate with the California Department of Justice court appointed monitor to develop an updated OC spray phase out strategy. Probation is committed to downscaling and ultimately eliminating the use of OC spray and a plan continues to be developed. Based on current trends of youth-on-youth violence, protocols to methodically reduce OC Spray in specific units are being considered. The Department anticipates identifying which units reduction may occur in by the end of the fourth quarter of 2025.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at (562) 940-2086.

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