

To my fellow law enforcement professionals,

I am a sergeant with the Florida Dept. of Corrections. Currently, I oversee the arsenal at a major correctional facility. In my twelve years with the department, I have seen many changes. One of the best changes came when line officers were given authorization to carry MK-4 canisters of OC while on duty. The first brand chosen was helpful, but was later determined to be only marginally effective. After many trials were conducted at the state level, the department decided to change to a new brand called "**Sabre Red**."

I have personally seen and experienced the effects of this product and I can assure you that this agent does exactly what the company says it will do. I have used "Sabre Red" on 18 occasions; incidents involving weapons, assaults on staff or brawling inmates. This product works! I have put my life on the line with it several times, once while disarming a shiv wielding inmate.

The prison where I work is maximum security and houses around 1300 inmates. Three quarters of our population is sentenced to "life" and the rest have lengthy sentences as well. Needless to say, controlling this type of population is a dangerous task; however, "Sabre Red" is a significant factor in our ability to do just that. The use of physical force and forced cell extractions are quickly becoming a thing of the past; something I never would have imagined. The larger MK-9 canisters are ideal for dealing with barricaded subjects or disruptive crowds. We once stopped a minor disturbance involving an entire cell block with just one MK-9 canister.

Using this product will reduce issues of liability, but more importantly, it will help keep your staff safe. That is my main purpose in writing this letter and in sharing my experiences with you. I want all of the brave law enforcement officers out there to be as safe as possible. I urge you to test this chemical agent. Once you do, I'm sure you will see that my assessment is accurate.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (850) 256-2600, ext. 334.

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