



# CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE

## GENERAL POLICE ORDER



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SUBJECT: FIREARM AND AMMUNITION REGULATIONS			
CHIEF: <i>Dornat A. Drummond, Chief</i>			

*Substantive changes are italicized*

**PURPOSE:** To identify the types of firearms, ammunition, and related equipment that are approved for officers to carry.

**POLICY:** **It is the policy of the Cleveland Division of Police** that members shall carry and use the firearms, ammunition, and holsters stated in this order only after complying with the annual qualification requirements of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC).

**DEFINITIONS:**

**Personal Firearm** - an authorized firearm that may be carried as a concealed weapon, in addition to the primary firearm, while on-duty or while off-duty working uniformed secondary employment. A personal firearm may be carried in lieu of the primary firearm while on-duty in plainclothes with prior written approval from the Chief. *Members with approved personal firearms should consider installing night sights, when possible. The use of an optic or laser device is prohibited.*

**Primary Firearm** - the firearm issued to an officer by the Division and used during annual requalification.

**PROCEDURES:**

- I. General Guidelines
  - A. The regulations in this order are not meant to infringe on a member’s right to own and use legal firearms or ammunition while outside the scope of official duties or approved secondary employment.
  - B. The Ordnance Unit shall:
    1. Issue Division firearms and related equipment.
    2. Maintain records and back up files of firearms and related equipment purchases, trades, disbursements, issuance, exchanges, and disposals.
    3. Issue temporary replacement firearms when issued firearms are lost, stolen, inoperable, or held for laboratory examination.
  - C. *Officers shall ensure their primary and personal firearms are properly maintained and operational.*

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- D. Uniformed personnel shall carry their primary firearm and a full complement of ammunition while on-duty.
  - 1. A full complement of ammunition is a fully loaded magazine inserted into the magazine well, a round in the chamber, and two fully loaded spare magazines.
  - 2. Members engaged in administrative, plainclothes, and off-duty secondary employment, when carrying a firearm, shall carry a fully loaded approved firearm; any additional magazines carried shall also be maintained in a fully loaded condition.
- E. Officers shall not have more than two firearms, including the primary firearm, on their person while on-duty or off-duty engaged in secondary employment.

## II. Approved Firearms

- A. Primary firearm.
  - 1. The Glock 9mm semi-automatic pistol shall be the primary firearm; Members may choose from the Glock model 17 or the Glock model 19, both with a New York 1 trigger.
  - 2. The Glock model 26 with a New York 1 trigger may be issued as a temporary primary firearm; the Glock model 26 requires approval from the Chief, shall not replace the primary firearm, and shall not be eligible for purchase.
- B. Personal firearms.
  - 1. *All Glock 9mm semi-automatic pistols, up to a four and a quarter inch barrel, excluding the 19X.*
  - 2. All Smith & Wesson, Colt, or Ruger .38 caliber double action revolvers, up to a three inch barrel.
  - 3. All Smith & Wesson compact centerfire 9mm pistols without an external safety *or de-cocking system*, up to a three and a half inch barrel.
  - 4. Kahr PM-9, MK-9, or CW9 9mm semi-automatic pistol *without an external safety or de-cocking system*, up to a three and a half inch barrel.
  - 5. *All Springfield compact centerfire 9mm semi-automatic pistol without an external safety or de-cocking system*, up to a three and a half inch barrel.
  - 6. Ruger LC9 and LC9S 9mm semi-automatic pistols without an external safety *or de-cocking system*, up to a three and a half inch barrel.
  - 7. *All Sig Sauer compact centerfire 9mm pistols without an external safety or de-cocking system, up to a three and a half inch barrel.*

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- C. The Firearms Training Unit may issue firearms for special assignments.
  - 1. Officers shall display proficiency in the use and maintenance of such firearms prior to issuance.
  - 2. Officers shall return the firearm to the Ordnance Unit when the assignment is completed.
- D. Personal rifles and shotguns are not approved.

### III. Personal Firearm Authorization and Qualification Requirements

- A. An authorized personal firearm, concealed for emergency use, may be carried while on-duty and in addition to the member's primary firearm.
  - 1. Authorization to carry a personal firearm shall be based upon the recommendation of the Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of the Firearms Training Unit. Final authorization shall be at the discretion of the Chief and can be revoked at any time.
  - 2. Personal firearms shall not be carried on the duty belt.
- B. *Officers are limited to a maximum of two authorized personal firearms on file with the Division.*
- C. Officers requesting approval to carry a personal firearm shall:
  - 1. Complete the Personal Firearm Request in Blueteam.
  - 2. Ensure an NCIC check is conducted by a Platoon/Unit Supervisor and list the Name and Badge number of supervisor in the Blueteam Summary. The supervisor shall note in the BlueTeam entry that the NCIC check was completed.
  - 3. Obtain approval from their supervisor, commander, and Deputy Chief. The designated Deputy Chief will forward the approved Blueteam entry to the Firearms Training Unit OIC or designated members.
  - 4. Report to the Firearms Training Unit for a safety and reliability inspection.
  - 5. Pass the OPOTA qualification test; no overtime shall accrue as a result of attending a qualification test session.
- D. After successful completion of the above, the Firearms Training Unit OIC or designee shall forward the Blueteam entry request to the Chief's Office. Upon authorization by the Chief, the Chief's Office shall:
  - 1. Approve or deny the request, release the entry to the Iapro Administrator, copying the Firearms Training Unit and the Personnel Unit.

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- E. Officers working plainclothes duties may request permission to carry an authorized personal firearm while on-duty in lieu of their primary firearm by completing the Personal Firearm Request in Blueteam.
  - 1. A detailed reason for the request.
  - 2. An attached copy of the most recent personal firearm qualification form from the Ordnance Unit.
  
- F. Continued approval to carry a personal firearm.
  - 1. Pass the OPOTC requalification test annually; no overtime shall accrue as a result of testing.
  - 2. Failure to qualify within the time period shall require the officer to repeat the entire request process.
  
- G. If a personal firearm is sold, transferred, lost, or stolen, officers shall immediately complete a Form-1 notifying the Ordnance Unit through the chain of command.

#### IV. Approved Holsters

- A. Approved holsters for on-duty or off-duty secondary employment are as follows:
  - 1. *Safariland model 6360 or 7360 mid-ride series equipped with the Automatic Locking System (ALS) **AND** Self Locking System (SLS).*
    - a. *Both locking systems shall be operational and in good working order.*
    - b. *The SLS hood shall remain in the up and locked position at all times when the weapon is secured in the holster.*
  
  - 2. *Safariland model 6360 or 7360 series equipped with the Automatic Locking System (ALS) and Self Locking System (SLS) for members who choose to purchase and use weapons mounted lights (WML) secured to their weapon.*
    - a. *The officer is responsible for purchasing both the weapon mounted light and holster.*
    - b. *Both locking systems shall be operational and in good working order.*
    - c. *The SLS hood shall remain in the up and locked position at all times when the weapon is secured in the holster.*
  
  - 3. Safariland model 295 or 2955, Level II.
  
  - 4. Safariland model 070, Level III.

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5. Holsters authorized and approved in writing by the Chief of Police and/or as specified in the annual Clothing Uniform Allowance.

B. *With the exception of personnel assigned to the SWAT Unit, the holster shall be attached to the gun belt and not modified and dropped to be attached to the leg.*

C. Any Level I, II, or III holster is approved for officers working administrative *or* plainclothes duties, provided that the holster is appropriate for the authorized firearm *and is in operational condition.*

#### V. Shotgun Regulations

A. Marked police vehicles equipped with a shotgun mount shall and unmarked police vehicles with a shotgun mount may be equipped with a Remington model 870 pump action 12 gauge police shotgun.

1. *If the mount is empty, the member using the vehicle shall obtain a shotgun from the OIC.*

2. Before mounting a shotgun in a vehicle, the member shall ensure:

a. The action is closed and the safety is engaged prior to loading the magazine tube with four rounds.

b. The chamber shall remain empty.

B. Officers assigned to a vehicle equipped with a shotgun shall:

1. Inspect the shotgun and shotgun ammunition at the beginning of each tour of duty.

2. Ensure the shotgun is operational and loaded with four rounds.

3. *Note in their duty report and/or Mobile Computer Aided Dispatch entry the shotgun serial number that is in the vehicle being used.*

C. Vehicles out of service for maintenance or repair shall not house a shotgun.

1. The shotgun shall be removed, properly unloaded, and secured in the district/unit.

2. Shotgun log entries shall be updated.

D. Vehicles without shotgun mounts shall not house shotguns.

E. Officers shall not carry or house shotguns in the trunk of police vehicles unless the vehicle has been equipped with a lockable trunk mount.

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VI. Ammunition and Ammunition Boxes

- A. The Ordnance Unit shall maintain the Division's ammunition supply and shall issue, exchange, and receive ammunition for issued firearms.
- B. Approved ammunition.
  - 1. Speer Gold Dot 9mm Luger +P 124 grain GDHP ammunition.
  - 2. Winchester Ranger .38 Special +P 130 grain JHP ammunition.
  - 3. Federal 12 gauge 2 3/4" 00 Buckshot with Flitecontrol.
- C. Officers assigned to a vehicle equipped with an ammunition box shall inspect it at the beginning of each tour of duty *per General Police Order 4.06.03 Ammunition Boxes*.

**THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ANY PREVIOUSLY ISSUED DIRECTIVE OR POLICY FOR THIS SUBJECT AND WILL REMAIN EFFECTIVE UNTIL RESCINDED OR SUPERSEDED.**