



DEPARTMENT APPROVED HANDGUNS AND AMMUNITION



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I. PURPOSE

This directive:

- A. provides a listing and describes Department policy relative to:
 - 1. Department-approved [prescribed](#), [alternate prescribed](#), [alternate prescribed only](#), and [auxiliary](#) semiautomatic pistols and related ammunition.
 - 2. auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols and related ammunition.
 - 3. Department-approved [prescribed](#), [alternate prescribed](#), [alternate prescribed only](#), and [auxiliary](#) revolvers and related ammunition.
- B. describes Department policy relative to the firearm transition process.
- C. provides specifications, procedures, and training requirements for the use of Department-approved semiautomatic pistol-mounted lights.
- D. satisfies CALEA Law Enforcement Standard 1.

II. DEPARTMENT APPROVED SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION

- A. The semiautomatic pistols approved by the Department for on- and off-duty use by Department members are contingent on the following criteria:
 - 1. The member's date of hire **AND**
 - 2. The date the semiautomatic pistol was registered with the City of Chicago.
- B. Semiautomatic pistols will be:
 - 1. chambered in 9mm Luger (Parabellum), .40 caliber S&W, or .45 ACP caliber.

EXCEPTION: Sworn members are only authorized to carry .380 caliber semiautomatic pistols consistent with the policy and procedures established in Item VII of this directive.
 - 2. equipped with an automatic firing pin safety blocking device.
 - 3. carried with a cartridge in the firing chamber and the pistol's hammer will be decocked.
- C. The only authorized [prescribed firearm](#), [alternate prescribed firearm](#), and [auxiliary firearm](#) **registered by sworn members after 28 August 2015** for on-duty or off-duty use will be a striker-fired semiautomatic pistol chambered in 9mm Luger (Parabellum).

EXCEPTION: Sworn members are only authorized to carry .380 caliber semiautomatic pistols consistent with the policy and procedures established in Item VII of this directive and short-barreled revolvers consistent with the policy and procedures established in Item XIII of this directive.

- D. A Department member authorized to use a striker-fired pistol will not alter the trigger pull from the standard factory trigger. Triggers of less than five pounds are prohibited.
- E. Sworn members are not authorized to carry an approved semiautomatic pistol that has:
1. a detachable trigger shoe or added trigger shoe.
 2. been altered beyond manufacturers' original specifications including the surface finish. Only black, blue steel, nickel, chrome, satin, stainless steel, or a two-tone combination of manufacturers' finish is allowed.
 3. a polymer frame with any finish other than black.
 4. a barrel length that has been altered from the original manufacturer's specifications.
 5. the surface engraved, etched, or inlaid with other than a personal alpha/numeric identifier unless approved by the Department.
- F. Semiautomatic pistols will be carried in Department-approved holsters.

Department-approved holsters will not:

1. be carried in garment pockets.
2. be swivel or clam shell type.
3. use a Velcro-type retaining device.

NOTE: Members will reference Item VII-D of this directive for holster information specific to auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols.

G. Firearm Transition Process

Department members may transition their prescribed firearm to any approved prescribed firearm or alternate prescribed firearm chambered in 9mm Luger (Parabellum) listed in Item III of this directive after successfully completing a firearm transition process as determined by the Deputy Chief, Education and Training Division, or his or her designee.

NOTE: Department members who, **on or before 28 August 2015**, registered an approved prescribed or alternate prescribed firearm chambered in .40 caliber S&W or .45 ACP caliber, consistent with Item IV of this directive, may transition to that firearm.

- H. A member approved to use a conventional firing system pistol may replace that pistol with another of the **same manufacturer, model, and caliber** if that pistol is lost, stolen, or damaged so beyond repair that the manufacturer recommends the pistol be replaced.

NOTE: Department members hired before 01 December 1991 who elect to carry an approved conventional firing system (CFS) semiautomatic pistol, whether on or off duty, may only do so if the weapon was registered by that Department member with the City of Chicago prior to 01 September 1992.

- I. Compensated or ported semiautomatic handguns are not approved for use either on or off duty.
- J. Sights may be fixed or adjustable.
- K. Handgrips will be constructed of wood, rubber, or synthetic material and be brown or black in color or a combination thereof. They may be plain or checkered and, except for a manufacturer's name or trademark, will be without ornamentation.
- L. Magazines will be secured in a Department-approved magazine pouch. The magazines will conform to the manufacturer's original specifications and will not extend beyond the base of the butt of the frame. A magazine with a finger extension floorplate that is a part of the original magazine is authorized.

- M. Uniformed sworn members and citizen dress sworn members assigned to field duties will carry a minimum of one additional fully loaded magazine.
- N. All uniformed and citizen-dress sworn members assigned to field duty who carry a semiautomatic pistol will utilize a Department-approved firearm with a minimum barrel length of 3.5 inches.
- O. Auxiliary Semiautomatic Pistols — Restrictions
 - 1. A sworn member assigned to administrative duty or who is off duty is approved to carry/use an auxiliary semiautomatic pistol, as appropriate, in lieu of the prescribed semiautomatic pistol or alternate prescribed semiautomatic pistol, with the following provisions:
 - a. The firearm is registered with the City of Chicago.
 - b. The sworn member has successfully completed a familiarization, testing, and qualification course or a transition course as outlined in this directive. In addition, the member will be required to annually requalify with the auxiliary firearm.
 - c. Auxiliary firearms will be carried in Department-approved holsters.
 - d. All Department members assigned or working administrative duties who elect to carry an approved auxiliary firearm will have their approved duty firearm available in the event that they are required to perform field duties.

NOTE: This does not include approved subcompact semiautomatic pistols.
 - 2. When assigned to uniform or citizen-dress field duties, the auxiliary firearm will not be carried in lieu of the member's prescribed or alternate prescribed duty firearm.
- P. Sworn members will qualify annually with their prescribed semiautomatic pistol in accordance with the Department directive entitled "Annual Prescribed Weapon Qualification Program and Taser Recertification."

III. DEPARTMENT APPROVED SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS FOR DEPARTMENT MEMBERS HIRED ON OR AFTER 28 AUGUST 2015 OR REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AFTER 28 AUGUST 2015

To be authorized for use, whether on or off duty, all prescribed, alternate prescribed, and auxiliary weapons initially registered with the City of Chicago after **28 August 2015**, regardless of the registering member's date of hire, must be the following:

EXCEPTION: A member authorized to use a firearm other than those listed in Item III may replace that firearm with another of the same manufacturer, model, and caliber if that firearm is lost, stolen, or damaged beyond repair and the manufacturer recommends the firearm be replaced.

- A. Glock in 9mm
 - 1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols
 - a. Model 17
 - b. Model 19
 - 2. Auxiliary Pistols
 - a. Model 26
 - b. Model 43

NOTE: Glock compensator pistols, known as "C" models, are not authorized for duty use. "C" models are denoted by the letter "C" after the model number, e.g., Model 17C.

B. Springfield Armory in 9mm

NOTE: Optional thumb safeties are prohibited on all Springfield Armory models.

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols
 - a. XD Service Model 4 inch SFS
 - b. XD Tactical Model 5 inch SFS
 - c. XDM SFS
 - d. XD MOD.2 Service Model with 4 inch SFS
 - e. XD MOD.2 Tactical Model 5 inch SFS
2. Auxiliary Pistols
 - a. XD Subcompact 3 inch SFS
 - b. XD MOD.2 Subcompact 3 inch SFS

C. Smith & Wesson in 9mm

NOTE: Optional thumb safeties are prohibited on all Smith & Wesson M&P models.

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols
 - a. M&P Series

NOTE: Model M&P9C, if used as a prescribed or alternate prescribed pistol, must be carried with a magazine equipped with an extended base plate.

- b. Model M&P9 M2.0
2. Auxiliary Pistols
 - a. Model M&P9C (without extended base plate)
 - b. Model M&P9 Shield

NOTE: "Pro" models are not approved for prescribed, alternate prescribed, or auxiliary use.

D. Sig Sauer in 9mm

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols
 - a. P320 Nitron Full-Size
 - b. P320 Nitron Carry
 - c. P320 Nitron Compact
 - d. P320 Nitron Sub-Compact

NOTE: Sig Sauer P320 Series pistols **MUST** have a locking take-down lever and a serialized barrel. Any change to the grip module must be performed by a member of the Firearms Training Unit (FTU), Education and Training Division. A change of the grip module will require a member to requalify with the firearm.

2. Auxiliary Pistol

P365

IV. DEPARTMENT APPROVED SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS FOR DEPARTMENT MEMBERS HIRED ON OR AFTER 19 MAY 2008 BUT PRIOR TO 28 AUGUST 2015 OR REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AFTER 31 DECEMBER 2009 BUT NOT PRIOR TO 28 AUGUST 2015

A. Glock in 9mm, .40S&W, and .45ACP

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols

- a. Model 17
- b. Model 19
- c. Model 21
- d. Model 22
- e. Model 23
- f. Model 30
- g. Model 36

2. Alternate Prescribed Pistol Only

Model 41

3. Auxiliary Pistols

- a. Model 26
- b. Model 27

NOTE: Glock compensator pistols, known as "C" models, are not authorized for duty use. "C" models are denoted by the letter "C" after the model number, e.g., Model 17C.

B. Springfield Armory in 9mm, .40S&W, and .45ACP

NOTE: Optional thumb safeties are prohibited on all Springfield Armory models.

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols

- a. XD Service Model 4 inch SFS
- b. XD Tactical Model 5 inch SFS
- c. XDM SFS
- d. XD MOD.2 Service Model with 4 inch SFS
- e. XD MOD.2 Tactical Model 5 inch SFS

2. Auxiliary Pistols

- a. XD Subcompact 3 inch SFS
- b. XD MOD.2 Subcompact 3 inch SFS

C. Smith & Wesson in 9mm, .40S&W, and .45 ACP

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols

Model M&P Series SFS without the manual thumb safety

NOTE: Models M&P9C and M&P40C, if used as a prescribed or alternate prescribed pistol, must be carried with a magazine equipped with an extended base plate.

2. Auxiliary Pistols

- a. Model M&P9C (without extended base plate)
- b. Model M&P40C (without extended base plate)

NOTE: "Pro" models are not approved for prescribed, alternate prescribed, or auxiliary use.

V. DEPARTMENT APPROVED SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS FOR DEPARTMENT MEMBERS HIRED AFTER 01 DECEMBER 1991 BUT PRIOR TO 19 MAY 2008 OR REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO AFTER 01 DECEMBER 1991 BUT PRIOR TO 19 MAY 2008

A. Beretta in 9mm, .40S&W, and .45ACP

1. 92D Series DAO
2. 8000 Series DAO
3. PX4 Storm Series DAO
4. 90-TWO DAO

B. Ruger in 9mm and .45ACP

1. P-89 Series DAO
2. P-93 Series DAO
3. P-95 Series DAO
4. P-97 Series DAO

C. Sig-Arms in 9mm, .40S&W, and .45ACP

1. P220 Series DAO
2. P225* Series DAO
3. P226* Series DAO
4. P228* Series DAO
5. P229 Series DAO
6. P239 Series DAO
7. P245 Series DAO
8. Sig Pro DAO

NOTE: * Only those Sig-Arms pistols that have the breach block modified to what Sig Arms, Inc., refers to as the "Chicago Block."

D. Smith & Wesson in 9mm and .45 ACP

1. Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols
 - a. All third-generation DAO pistols

NOTE: The Smith & Wesson Company normally denotes a third-generation pistol with a four-digit model number.

- 2. Auxiliary Pistols
 - a. CS9D DAO pistols
 - b. CS45D DAO pistols
- E. Any semiautomatic pistol listed in Item III.

VI. DEPARTMENT APPROVED SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS FOR DEPARTMENT MEMBERS HIRED ON OR BEFORE 01 DECEMBER 1991 OR REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO ON OR BEFORE 01 DECEMBER 1991

- A. Beretta in 9mm, .40S&W, and .45ACP
 - 1. 92 F Series CFS**
 - 2. 92 G Series CFS**
- B. Ruger in 9mm and .45ACP
 - 1. P-85 Series CFS**
 - 2. P-89 Series CFS**
- C. Smith & Wesson in 9mm and .45 ACP

Prescribed and Alternate Prescribed Pistols

- 1. All second-generation CFS pistols**
- 2. All third-generation CFS pistols**

NOTE: The Smith & Wesson Company normally denotes a second-generation pistol with a three-digit model number and a third-generation pistol with a four-digit model number.

NOTE: **Department members hired before 01 December 1991 who elect to carry an approved conventional firing system (CFS) semiautomatic pistol, whether on or off duty, may only do so if the weapon was initially registered by that Department member with the City of Chicago prior to 1 September 1992.

- D. Any semiautomatic pistol listed in Item III.
- E. Any semiautomatic pistol listed in Item IV.
- F. Department members hired before 01 December 1991 will be allowed to transition their prescribed revolver to an approved conventional firing system (CFS) semiautomatic firearm only if the weapon was registered by that Department member with the City of Chicago prior to 01 September 1992.

VII. DEPARTMENT APPROVED AUXILIARY SUBCOMPACT SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS

- A. The auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistol will be registered with the Department.
- B. .380 caliber auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols are not authorized for use by probationary police officers.
- C. Sworn members are required to successfully complete a familiarization, testing, and qualification course as specified by the Deputy Chief, Education and Training Division. In addition, members will be required to annually requalify with the auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistol.
- D. Auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols will be carried in Department-approved holsters consistent with the uniform specification titled "[Holster—Auxiliary Subcompact Semiautomatic Pistols.](#)"

- E. When assigned to field duties, auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols may only be worn in addition to a Department member's prescribed or alternate prescribed weapon.

EXCEPTION: Members assigned to specialized units granted written authorization by the appropriate exempt member, consistent with the section titled "Authorizations and Restrictions for Weapons and Equipment" of the Department directive entitled "**Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition.**"

- F. When assigned to nonfield duties, auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols may only be worn in addition to a Department member's prescribed, alternate prescribed weapon, or auxiliary weapon.
- G. When off duty, the auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistol may be worn alone.
- H. Auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols will not have any type of laser sighting device.
- I. **Department approved auxiliary subcompact semiautomatic pistols:**

1. Beretta Nano
2. Glock 42
3. Kahr Arms
 - a. CM9
 - b. P380
 - c. PM9
 - d. MK9
4. Kel-Tec P-3AT
5. Ruger
 - a. LCP series
 - b. LC9
6. Sig Sauer P290
7. Smith & Wesson M&P bodyguard .380

CAUTION: The Smith & Wesson M&P Bodyguard .380 is the approved model. The Smith & Wesson Bodyguard .380 with the integrated laser is not approved.

VIII. APPROVED AMMUNITION FOR SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOLS

- A. The below listed cartridges are authorized for use in semiautomatic pistols:
1. .45 Caliber ACP., 185 through 230 grain jacketed hollow point bullet, standard and +P.
 2. .40 Caliber S&W, 155 through 180 grain jacketed hollow point bullet, standard and +P.
 3. 9mm Luger (parabellum) Caliber, 115 through 147 grain jacketed hollow point bullet, standard, +P, and +P+.
 4. .380 Caliber ACP, 80 through 102 grain.
- B. Reloaded or altered ammunition is prohibited unless authorized in writing by the appropriate bureau chief.

IX. DEPARTMENT APPROVED REVOLVERS AND AMMUNITION

- A. When on duty, sworn members hired on or before 01 December 1991 who choose not to transition to a semiautomatic pistol will be equipped with a Department-approved revolver that conforms to the specifications described in this directive.

B. Firearm Transition Process

Department members may transition their prescribed revolver to any approved prescribed firearm or alternate prescribed firearm listed in Item I-G of this directive after successfully completing a firearm transition process as determined by the Deputy Chief, Education and Training Division, or his or her designee.

- C. A sworn member whose date of appointment is on or before 01 July 1991 will utilize a service revolver chambered in .38 special or .357 magnum caliber with double- and single-action capability and a solid-frame, swing-out cylinder with six cartridge chambers, hammer safety device, and a hammer spur.
- D. The frame, barrel, and cylinder will be carbon or stainless steel.
- E. Effective 24 July 2007, all revolvers acquired by Department members will have all exterior parts such as the frame, barrel, and cylinder, hammer, and trigger of one finish. Refinishing the entire handgun or any component part(s) in either chrome or nickel plate is prohibited. Manufactured-applied "Industrial Hard Chrome" and "Electroless Nickel" type factory finishes are approved. Weapons will not be altered beyond the manufacturer's original specifications including the surface finish.
- F. Barrel length for prescribed revolvers will be 4 inches and conform to the manufacturer's original specifications.
- G. Barrel length for alternate prescribed revolvers will be 3 inches or greater and conform to the manufacturer's original specifications.
- H. Barrel length for auxiliary revolvers will be 1 1/2 inches or greater and conform to the manufacturer's original specifications.
- I. Barrel length for short-barreled revolvers will be less than 3 inches and conform to the manufacturer's original specifications.
- J. Sights may be either fixed or adjustable.
- K. Handgrips will be constructed of wood, rubber, or synthetic material, and be brown or black in color or a combination thereof. They may be plain or checkered and, except for a manufacturer's name or trademark, will be without ornamentation. Handgrips adapters, if used, will be of white or black metal, or black hard rubber or synthetic material.
- L. Revolvers will be carried in Department-approved holsters.

Department-approved holsters will not:

1. be carried in garment pockets.
 2. be swivel or clam shell type.
 3. use a Velcro-type retaining device.
- M. No member will carry a service revolver with:
1. the hammer spur removed unless so designed by the manufacturer.
 2. the frame, barrel, cylinder, internal/external parts, safety mechanisms, and surface finish altered beyond the manufacture's specifications.
 3. a detachable trigger shoe.
 4. the surface engraved, etched, or inlaid with other than a personal alpha/numeric identifier unless approved by the Department.
- N. Revolvers will not be cocked nor fired single action.
- O. Uniformed members and civilian-dressed Department members assigned to field duties will carry a minimum of one additional fully loaded dump pouch or speed loader.
- P. Sworn members will qualify annually with their prescribed revolvers in accordance with the Department directive entitled "**Annual Prescribed Weapon Qualification Program and Taser Recertification.**"

X. DEPARTMENT APPROVED PRESCRIBED AND ALTERNATE PRESCRIBED REVOLVERS FOR MEMBERS HIRED ON OR BEFORE 01 DECEMBER 1991

Prescribed Revolver

A. Colt

Prohibited Models: Diamondback and Police Positive.

B. Smith & Wesson

Prohibited Models: L frame .357 magnum models, 581, 586, 681, and 686 which do not have an "M" stamped above the model number or a "2" or higher number stamped after the basic three-digit model number, e.g., 581-2.

C. Alternate prescribed Revolver

Sworn members may carry an alternate prescribed revolver in lieu of the prescribed weapon. The revolver must meet the same specifications as a prescribed revolver, but may be:

1. chambered in either .38 special or .357 magnum calibers and;
2. constructed with a:
 - a. frame and/or cylinder of an aluminum alloy.
 - b. frame, cylinder, and barrel of steel that has an empty weight of less than 21 ounces with standard factory handgrips.
 - c. double- and single-action or double-action-only capability.
 - d. fully or partially shrouded hammer, designed and produced by the manufacturer.
 - e. cylinder with a loading capacity of either five or six cartridges.
 - f. barrel length three inches or greater.

XI. DEPARTMENT APPROVED AUXILIARY REVOLVERS FOR MEMBERS HIRED BETWEEN 01 DECEMBER 1991 AND 31 DECEMBER 2009

A. Department approved auxiliary revolvers for members hired after 01 December 1991 must be:

1. chambered in .357 caliber;
2. initially registered with the City of Chicago prior to 31 December 2009;
3. conform to the policy described in Items IX-A through P of this directive.

B. Department approved auxiliary revolvers for members hired after 01 December 1991 must always be worn in conjunction with a prescribed or alternate prescribed firearm.

XII. DEPARTMENT APPROVED LARGE-BORE AUXILIARY REVOLVERS REGISTERED WITH THE CITY OF CHICAGO PRIOR TO 23 JULY 1990

A. The Department has approved the use of large-bore revolvers as an auxiliary firearm provided that they:

1. are chambered in .41, .44, and .45 calibers;
2. were initially registered with the City of Chicago prior to 23 July 1990;
3. conform to the policy described in Items IX-A through P of this directive.

EXCEPTION: A revolver being chambered in .38 special or .357 magnum caliber will not apply to large-bore revolvers used as an auxiliary firearm.

- B. Department approved large-bore auxiliary revolvers must always be worn in conjunction with a prescribed or alternate prescribed firearm.

NOTE: Sworn members are reminded that the Department-issued body armor is not warranted to stop .41 and .44 caliber revolver ammunition.

XIII. DEPARTMENT APPROVED SHORT-BARRELED REVOLVERS

- A. Department approved short-barreled revolvers will be:

1. manufactured by the following:
 - a. Colt
 - b. Smith & Wesson
 - c. Ruger
2. chambered in either .38 special or .357 magnum caliber.
3. constructed with a:
 - a. frame and/or cylinder of an alloy and/or steel.
 - b. bore made of steel.
 - c. double- and single-action or double-action-only capability.
 - d. fully or partially shrouded hammer, designed and produced by the manufacturer.
 - e. cylinder with a loading capacity of either five or six cartridges.
 - f. barrel length 3 inches or less.

- B. Department approved short-barreled revolvers may be worn:

1. as an auxiliary revolver in conjunction with a prescribed or alternate prescribed firearm for members assigned to field duties.
2. in lieu of the prescribed or alternate prescribed firearm for members assigned to administrative duties or who are off duty.

XIV. APPROVED AMMUNITION FOR REVOLVERS

- A. The below listed cartridges are authorized for use in revolvers:

1. .38 special caliber +P, 125 through 136 grain, jacketed hollow-point ammunition or .38 special caliber +P, 158 grain lead, semi-wad cutter, hollow-point ammunition will be used in the following revolvers:
 - a. Prescribed revolvers chambered in either .38 special caliber or .357 magnum caliber.
 - b. Alternate prescribed revolvers:
 - (1) chambered in .357 magnum caliber.
 - (2) chambered in .38 special caliber having an empty weight with standard factory handgrips of 21 ounces or more.
2. .38 special caliber, non +P, 125 through 135 grain, jacketed hollow-point ammunition or .38 special caliber, non +P, 158 grain lead, semi-wad cutter, hollow-point ammunition will be

used in alternate prescribed revolvers chambered in .38 special caliber which have an empty weight with standard factory handgrips of less than 21 ounces.

NOTE: A non +P cartridge can be identified by the absence of the "+P" symbol stamped on the cartridge head.

- a. Exceptions to this empty weight requirement are any approved revolver wherein manufacturer's specifications state that the revolver is compatible with high pressure +P cartridges. In such cases, +P ammunition may be used.
 - b. Approved revolvers wherein manufacturer's specifications require jacketed ammunition will use .38 special caliber, 125 through 135 grain, jacketed ammunition.
3. .41 magnum caliber: lead, semi-wad cutter bullet only, not exceeding 210 grains with a velocity of 1000 feet per second or less.
 4. .44 special caliber: jacketed hollow-point or lead hollow-point bullet, not exceeding 200 grains with a velocity of a 1000 feet per second or less.
 5. .45 Colt caliber: jacketed hollow-point or lead hollow-point bullet, not exceeding 225 grains with a velocity of 1000 feet per second or less.
 6. .45 auto caliber: jacketed hollow-point bullet, 185 through 230 grains with a velocity of 1000 feet per second or less.
- B. Reloaded or altered ammunition is prohibited unless approved in writing by the appropriate bureau chief.

XV. SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL-MOUNTED LIGHTS

- A. The pistol-mounted light is part of the weapons system and will only be used for illumination when, consistent with Department policy and training, members are justified in deploying the weapon.
- B. Members authorized to carry a pistol-mounted flashlight will simultaneously carry the prescribed or auxiliary flashlight on their person at all times.
- C. Members must complete a training and qualification course approved by the Deputy Chief, Education and Training Division, to be authorized to carry a pistol-mounted light.

NOTE: To continue authorization for the pistol-mounted light after completing the training and qualification course, members must have the pistol-mounted light attached to their weapon during the annual prescribed and alternate prescribed weapon qualification course.

D. Specifications

Pistol-mounted lights will be:

1. only utilized on pistols that have an integrated accessory rail mounted into or permanently affixed to the dust cover (recoil-spring and guide-rod housing) by the pistol manufacturer during original production.
2. affixed to the pistol and carried in a Department-approved holster while the member is on duty. The pistol-mounted light will not be attached or removed from the pistol at any time during pistol deployment.
3. firmly attached to the pistol's integrated accessory rail by means of clamp attachment actuated by a push button or screw.
4. attached below and parallel to the muzzle of the pistol.

5. able to produce a minimum of 90 lumens with emitted light visible only in the white-light spectrum.

NOTE: Laser targeting and laser/light "combo" systems are not authorized for Department use.

6. able to achieve a minimum continuous run time of 60 minutes.
7. powered by alkaline, lithium, or rechargeable batteries.
8. operated by a switching system that allows for "momentary on," and may also allow for "constant on" and/or strobe function.
9. activated by a toggle, push button, or pressure switch.
10. not more than 4.5 ounces in weight, including batteries.
11. black in color when purchased after 02 JUNE 2017.

E. Training

1. The Deputy Chief, Education and Training Division, will:
 - a. develop and approve a training and qualification course for pistol-mounted lights.
 - b. notify members when courses are made available.
 - c. ensure that members successfully completing the course are entered into the CLEAR APPLICATIONS system.
2. Unit commanding officers will access the CLEAR APPLICATIONS system to verify members assigned and detailed to their unit who are authorized to carry a pistol-mounted light.

(Items indicated by *italics/double underline* have been added or revised.)

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GLOSSARY TERMS:

1. **Prescribed Firearm**
A required firearm which must be used/carried by a sworn officer.
2. **Alternate Prescribed Firearm**
A firearm which may be used/carried by a sworn officer in lieu of a prescribed firearm.
3. **Alternate Prescribed Firearm Only**

A firearm which may be used/carried by a sworn officer in lieu of a prescribed firearm that can only qualify as an alternate prescribed firearm.

4. **Auxiliary Firearm**

A firearm which may be used or carried by a sworn officer in addition to a prescribed or alternate prescribed firearm.