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PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines and procedures governing Detroit Police Department (DPD) issued and/or authorized firearms and ammunition (training, qualification, safety, carrying, care, and maintenance).

POLICY

The DPD is committed to the belief that increased training enhances professionalism and decreases the likelihood of injury to Department members and citizens. Therefore, members are required to demonstrate bi-annual proficiency in the use of firearms. Only members who first receive training in the DPD's use of force and firearms policy and demonstrate proficiency in their application are authorized to carry firearms. All DPD qualifications and sponsored firearms training shall be administered by certified firearm instructors. Firearms qualification is a combination of skill and discretion. DPD training emphasizes proper use of force decision making (when to shoot as well as how to shoot). [Refer to Directive 304.2 (Use of Force)]

Definitions

Administrative No Gun Status

The lack of technical ability to qualify, as determined by Firearms Training.

Bi-annual Firearm Qualification

Firearms qualification twice in a single calendar year.

Firearm

A firearm is an issued and/or authorized weapon capable of firing a projectile by means of an explosive charge (e.g. gunpowder) as its propellant. All revolvers, pistols, shotguns, and rifles are to be utilized in accordance with applicable Department policies.

High Port

Carrying of a shoulder weapon, barrel pointed skyward.

Magazine (Source of Feed)

A magazine (source of feed) is the component of an automatic or semi-automatic weapon, which contains and then feeds ammunition into the weapon.

Medical No-Gun Status

The lack of physical ability to qualify with a firearm as determined by the Department physician.

Physical Stress Training

Stress training requires the member to successfully perform a live-fire exercise during an agility drill or after some form of physical activity.

Primary Sidearm

A primary sidearm is the principal on-duty issued or approved weapon, which members train and qualify with on a bi-annual basis.

Proper Use of Force Decision Making

Proper use of force decision making is determined by the continued assessment of appropriate force alternatives and their application.

Psychological Stress Training

Under stress, certain physical changes may occur (e.g. loss of fine motor skills, tunnel vision, auditory exclusions). This training mentally prepares the member to overcome or minimize these changes.

Secondary Sidearm

A secondary sidearm is considered any on or off-duty Department approved firearm to be carried holstered and concealed in addition to the primary weapon.

Authorized Firearms/Ammunition

General

1. Only firearms and ammunition which are issued, authorized, trained with and/or qualified with the approval of DPD Firearms Training personnel shall be carried while on or off duty. This applies even if a member chooses to secure a concealed pistol license (CPL) in addition to their authorization to carry a firearm granted by virtue of their certification as a Detroit Police Officer.
2. Commencing on July 1, 2009, all members *were* issued either a Smith & Wesson model M&P-40 or M&P-40C semi-automatic pistol, *which can now be carried as a **SECONDARY ONLY***. Members who joined the department **after** July 1, 2020 **are not authorized** to carry any 40 caliber weapons as a primary or secondary ON-DUTY.
3. Members who have purchased and qualified with the Glock, model 22, 23, or 27 before July 1, 2009, may still elect to carry these weapons as a **secondary weapon only**, and **must meet Department standards**.
4. Smith & Wesson or Colt revolvers, 5 or 6-shot .38 caliber spl. (snub-nose) continue to be suitable as off-duty weapons. In addition, the Smith & Wesson M&P-40C, 10-shot semi-automatic pistol can be considered for secondary use by all members, and **must meet all Department standards**.
5. If a member elects to carry a Department approved privately owned Smith & Wesson M&P-40 or 40c, the member can carry the weapon as a **SECONDARY ONLY** unless special permission has been granted by the Chief of Police or their designee.
6. Commencing in 2020, all members will be issued either a Smith & Wesson model M&P-9 2.0 (**all members**) or M&P-9C (**Lieutenants and above only for primary use**) semi-

automatic pistol, as a primary sidearm for on-duty carrying to the exclusion of all other side arms unless the Chief of Police has granted special permission.

7. Members of the Special Response Team (SRT), Narcotics, and Gang Intel are authorized to carry the Sig Sauer, SIGM400 "SWAT" Short Barreled Rifle once they have trained and qualified with the weapon per Firearms Training guidelines.
8. *No member shall retain more than one (1) Department issued sidearm, unless special permission has been granted by the Chief of Police or their designee.*

Kimber 45 Pistol

Members assigned to the Special Response Team, Firearms Training Unit, the Executive Protection Unit, or any other sworn member at the discretion and approval of the Chief of Police are permitted to carry the Kimber 45 pistol as a secondary weapon or as a primary weapon when in plain clothes. Any member that wishes to carry the Kimber 45 pistol must purchase the weapon at their own expense and must have trained and qualified with the weapon per Firearms Training guidelines. Members must train and qualify with the Kimber 45 pistol and their Smith and Wesson *M&P9 2.0 or 9c* duty weapon during the bi-annual training and qualification program.

Approved Secondary and Off-Duty Smith and Wesson Bodyguard 380 Handgun

1. Members are authorized to carry the Smith and Wesson Bodyguard 380 handgun as a secondary weapon while on or off duty. This handgun must be purchased at the member's own expense and is an additional option to what is currently available as a secondary weapon, as well as for off-duty use if a member *elects* to carry the handgun. Additionally, the weapon must be inspected and function fired at the range. Ammunition utilized in this weapon is the Speer Gold Dot .380.
2. Members carrying the Smith and Wesson Bodyguard 380 handgun have the option of using a pocket holster for the weapon. A pocket holster is only authorized for this specific weapon. The pocket holster must be purchased at the member's own expense. The pocket holster shall be concealable, accessible, and have some type of retention. Interested members shall contact Firearms Training for guidance on the type, brand, and model approved for use.

9mm Semi-Automatic Handgun

1. Department members who have successfully completed the weapon qualifications for their Department-issued handgun are authorized to purchase, at their own expense, the following 9mm pistols for primary or secondary carry:
 - a. Glock 17 (G17);
 - b. Glock 19 (G19);
 - c. SIG Sauer P320;
 - d. *Smith and Wesson M&P9 2.0*;
 - e. *Smith and Wesson M&P9c (Lieutenants and above only for primary use)*; and
 - f. *Smith and Wesson M&P9sc (**Subcompact for SECONDARY ONLY**)*.
2. Department members who have successfully completed the weapon qualifications for their Department-issued handgun are authorized to purchase, at their own expense, the following 9mm pistols for off-duty or secondary carry:

- a. Glock 26 (G26);
 - b. Smith and Wesson M&P9sc (*Subcompact*);
 - c. Smith and Wesson M&P9 2.0c; and
 - d. Smith and Wesson M&P9 Shield.
3. Members electing to carry any of the above weapons must train and qualify with *both their Department-issued primary weapon and the Department-approved secondary weapon(s)* during the bi-annual training and qualification program.
 4. Privately-owned 9mm semi-automatic handguns that are authorized for primary or secondary carry must meet the following parameters:
 - a. Night sights;
 - b. Black matte in color;
 - c. Minimum four (4) inch barrel (approximate);
 - d. Level II holster or above; and
 - e. Approved magazines, leather gear, and ammunition.
 5. Members are responsible for any expenses incurred from mishandling or careless use of their privately owned weapon.
 6. Any privately-owned weapon that was repaired outside of the Department must be inspected by Firearms Training prior to primary or secondary carry.

Lieutenants and Above

Lieutenants and above have the option to carry either the Smith & Wesson *M&P-9 2.0* or Smith & Wesson *M&P-9c* semi-automatic pistol. Additionally, any member of the rank of lieutenant and above who is initially issued the Smith & Wesson *M&P-9 2.0(Full Size)* and wishes to trade the weapon in at a later date for the Smith & Wesson *M&P9c (Compact)* semi-automatic pistol, must first notify Firearms Training and Firearms Inventory. The member must first train and qualify with the Smith & Wesson *M&P9c* semi-automatic pistol per Firearms Training guidelines, and after qualification the member shall exchange weapons at Firearms Inventory. Members must train and qualify with their weapon(s) of choice during the bi-annual training and qualification program. *Captains and above may have two (2) of the following three (3) weapons issued to them: M&P-9, M&P-9c (compact or Shield 9mm).*

Sergeants and Police Officers

The sidearm to be carried while on or off duty, in uniform or civilian attire, shall be the Smith & Wesson *M&P-9 2.0 (Full Size)* semi-automatic pistol, unless special approval is granted by the Chief of Police (or designee) to carry another firearm. Members must train and qualify with their weapon during the bi-annual training and qualification program.

“Grandfathered” Option Weapons

Members may carry any of the following Department-approved weapons as *their primary or secondary weapon* if they have qualified with the weapon prior to July 1, 1998 and have maintained qualification through every subsequent bi-annual qualification program:

- a. Smith & Wesson or Colt revolver, .38 caliber or larger;
- b. Smith & Wesson (2nd or 3rd generation) 9mm caliber pistol;
- c. Smith & Wesson .45 caliber pistol (4” barrel); and

- d. Walther PP, PPK, PPK/S .380 caliber pistol.

Off-Duty Weapons

Members are authorized to carry any pistol while off duty, provided that the following criteria's are met:

- a. The member must possess a Concealed Pistol License (CPL);
- b. The member may lawfully carry the weapon consistent with local, state, and federal laws;
- c. The weapon is inspected by Firearms Training staff; and
- d. The member qualifies with the weapon in accordance with Department firearm training protocols.

Shoulder Weapons

1. Only DPD issued or approved (by Firearms Training) shoulder weapons (carbines, rifles, shotguns) may be carried in any Department vehicle. No member shall carry any shoulder weapon on duty prior to successful completion of training and qualification during the bi-annual firearms qualification program. All shoulder weapons shall be carried in Department vehicles, either in the gun rack mounted between the driver seat and front passenger seat or in appropriate gun boxes or other suitable hard case in the trunk.
2. Members with modified shoulder weapons must carry their weapon in the gun rack between the driver seat and front passenger seat or in an appropriate gun box or other suitable hard case in the trunk. Modified weapons are not to be forced to securely fit in the gun rack, and members are not to attempt to manipulate the gun rack in any way to force their weapon to securely fit in the gun rack. If the modified weapon does not fit in the gun rack, it must be carried in an appropriate gun box or other suitable hard case in the trunk.
3. Shotguns shall be carried in Department vehicles in the following manner: in the gun rack between the driver seat and front passenger seat or in an appropriate gun box or other suitable hard case in the trunk, safety on; four (4) rounds in the magazine tube; and the chamber empty.
4. Department M&P-15 rifles shall be carried in Department vehicles in the following manner: in the gun rack between the driver seat and front passenger seat or in an appropriate gun box or other suitable hard case in the trunk; magazine out; bolt forward; chamber empty; and safety on.
5. Members who have qualified with and are approved to carry any shoulder weapon by Firearms Training must carry their Firearms Record Card (DPD164) indicating approval to carry the weapon.
6. The serial number of any Department-issued or approved shoulder weapon carried in a Department vehicle must be recorded on the *Officer's Daily Report* at the beginning of the member's tour of duty.
7. Firearms Training shall notify all commands of members within their command who have qualified with any shoulder weapon, including the type of weapon and the weapon's serial number. The command shall note this information on the member's Personnel Data Card (DPD139).

Remington 870 Shotgun

The Remington 870 Shotgun, 5-shot, is the only make and model shotgun authorized for use by Department members. Members are authorized to purchase and carry their privately-owned shotguns; however, the weapon must first be inspected, approved, and function fired by Firearms Training before qualification and then subsequent authorization. The shotgun must be smooth bore, have the law enforcement forearm, and have only Department-approved modifications. Members shall be guided by section 304.1-6.1 of the Detroit Police Manual. Members must train and qualify with the Remington 870 Shotgun during the bi-annual training and qualification program.

Authorized Personally-Owned Shotgun Modification Requirements

1. Members electing to carry a privately-owned shotgun for on-duty use must have it inspected by Firearms Training prior to qualification.
2. Members electing to carry a privately-owned shotgun are responsible for the care and maintenance of that weapon.
3. Any privately-owned shotgun that has been repaired must be inspected by Firearms Training prior to being carried on duty.
4. Members who have purchased a privately-owned shotgun for on-duty use have the option of making the following modifications:
 - a. Make: Remington;
 - b. Model: 870 Express, 870 Magnum, Police Magnum, Tactical;
 - c. Caliber: 12 gauge;
 - d. Barrel: Smooth (No rifled barrels, no choke);
 - e. Length: 18 to 20 inches;
 - f. Color: Matte Black;
 - g. Magazine: Standard (5 round), Extended magazine (cannot extend past the muzzle);
 - h. Stock: No Folding, Standard (fixed), Telescopic (adjustable);
 - i. Ammo Carrier: Side Saddle, Butt Stock Carrier;
 - j. Forend: Standard, Tactical with light, Rubber Coated (No vertical stocks);
 - k. Sling: Blackhawk Storm (OPSM Sling Mount adaptor for Remington 870);
 - l. Grip: Standard, Pistol Grip; and
 - m. Weapon Mounted Light approved after passing WML Course: Streamlight TLR1, Surefire x300, Inforce gen 3 APL (min 300 Lumens).
5. The following modifications for privately-owned shotguns for on-duty use are prohibited:
 - a. Lasers;
 - b. Optics;
 - c. Any internal modification (trigger, recoil spring);
 - d. Adding choke to muzzle; and
 - e. Ported barrels.

Safety Inspecting the Remington 870 Shotgun

The first consideration before handling any weapon is to ensure it is safe. Members are to perform a safety check of the Remington 870 shotgun in the following manner:

- a. Come to high port position with finger off the trigger and safety on;
- b. Push safety to the right;
- c. If action is closed, depress action-release button and pull the forearm down to open the action;
- d. Visually check chamber; lift shotgun straight up; look through the ejection port and visually inspect chamber to confirm it is empty;
- e. Visually inspect magazine tube; shotgun held straight (muzzle up), turn shotgun around so the loading port is facing the member; push in the lifter bar to observe the orange magazine spring follower to confirm the magazine tube is empty;
- f. Turn shotgun back around so that the loading port is facing away from the member;
- g. Grasp barrel above magazine cap with the opposite hand;
- h. Lower the shotgun down until the butt contacts the ground;
- i. Visually inspect the barrel for obstructions (i.e. mud, paper, or debris); and Return to the high port position.

Loading the Remington 870 Shotgun

When loading the shotgun it is imperative that the weapon is pointed in a safe direction at all times. Traditionally, shotguns are loaded from the high port position. Members are to load the Remington 870 shotgun in the following manner:

- a. Come to high port position with finger off the trigger;
- b. Ensure that the safety is on by depressing the safety button to the right;
- c. With the opposite hand, close shotgun action;
- d. Remaining at high port and with use of the strong hand, load four (4) rounds into the magazine tube;

Note: Shotguns are to be carried in the gun rack between the driver seat and front passenger seat or in a gun box or other suitable hard case in the trunk of the scout car in the following manner: four (4) rounds in the magazine tube, and nothing in the chamber. In the event the weapon must be put into action members shall follow points (e. through h.) below:

- e. Weapon pointed in a safe direction, safety on and finger off the trigger;
- f. Depress the action release button with index finger of strong hand;
- g. Rack a round into the chamber by pumping the forearm piece all the way down and then up; and
- h. Top off the magazine tube with the fifth and final round.

Note: When or if the weapon is returned to the gun rack between the driver seat and front passenger seat or in a gun box or other suitable hard case in the scout car trunk, follow processes (a. through d.) in the "down loading of the shotgun" section below.

Unloading or Down Loading the Remington 870 Shotgun

Unloading the shotgun is an essential task which all members authorized to carry the weapon are required to perform. This standard is utilized by Department members at the end of their tour of duty:

- a. Come to the high port position with finger off the trigger and safety on;
- b. With the opposite hand, assume the unloading position (small finger just below the forearm piece);
- c. By depressing the action release button, bring the action partially down until the small finger touches and rests on the front of the receiver;
- d. Pluck the live shell out of the receiver or ejection port;
- e. Push in the lift bar;
- f. Bring the action all the way down and the live shell will be released from the magazine tube into the lower receiver behind the lifter bar;
- g. Remove the live shell from the receiver;
- h. Depress the shell locking latch located on the inside of the receiver - right side - just under the magazine tube releasing the next shell;
- i. Continue to depress the shell locking latch until all rounds are released from the magazine tube;
- j. With action open, visually examine the chamber, magazine tube, and barrel to insure that the weapon was completely down loaded and there are no obstructions; and
- k. Once a member is certain the shotgun is completely down loaded, they may further handle, examine, inspect or turn in the weapon.

Smith & Wesson, M&P-15 Rifle

1. The M&P-15 rifle is a 5.56-mm, magazine-fed, gas-operated, air cooled, semi-automatic shoulder weapon. Department M&P-15 rifles are considered carbines because they fire a small cartridge, disposing of less power and less range than larger rifles. Additionally, they are equipped with an adjustable peep sight system and one twenty (20) round magazine. The approved duty round for the patrol rifle is the Hornady T2 TAP (8126 N) 75 grain 5.56 rifle round. Members are authorized to privately purchase the round.
2. The Smith and Wesson M&P15 rifle may be purchased at the member's own expense for on-duty use. Members interested in carrying the Smith and Wesson M&P15 rifle while on duty, shall attend a sixteen (16) hour Smith and Wesson M&P15 rifle, Semi-Automatic Training Course prior to carrying the rifle. Any member attending any advanced patrol rifle training MUST have completed the two (2) day Basic Patrol Rifle Course. Members must submit an approved Interoffice Memorandum (DPD568) requesting the training, endorsed by their span of control supervisor and commanding officer, to the commanding officer of Professional Education and Training. Ammunition for the Smith and Wesson M&P15 rifle shall be obtained from Firearms Training staff. Members must train bi-annually with their M&P15 rifle. Any member that fails to attend Patrol Rifle Recertification every six (6) months will lose their certification and must retake the two (2) day Basic Patrol Rifle Course. Members who wish to purchase their own M&P15 rifle shall be guided by Firearms Training Staff.

Authorized Personally-Owned Patrol Rifle Requirements

Department members who have successfully completed the 16-hour Patrol Rifle Course and/or the 40-hour Patrol Rifle Course may purchase their own patrol rifle for on-duty use. Members have the option of purchasing any patrol rifle from a rifle manufacturer. Purchased rifles must meet the following parameters:

a. Requirements:

- Factory built
- Semi-automatic
- Gas operated or piston driven
- M-4 configuration
- Telescopic or folded stock
- Alloy or metal lower receiver (no plastic)
- 1:7, 1:8, or 1:9 twist rate
- Matte black in color
- 16-18 inch barrel length
- 5.56 NATO chamber
- Functional and adjustable iron sights
- Dust cover
- Forward assist button
- Affixed lighting system
- Hard carrying case
- Tactical sling adapter:
 - Command Arms OPSM sling mount
 - Blackhawk Storm sling adaptor for the AR-15/M4
 - Magpul Ambidextrous Sling Attachment Point (ASAP)
- Magazines:
 - 30 rounds (must be loaded with 28 rounds)
 - 20 rounds (must be loaded with 18 rounds)

b. Options:

- Red Dot or Holographic optics with 1x magnification (no magnifiers)
- Vertical or angled forend grip
- Quad-Rail handguard
- Front night sight
- Ambidextrous safety
- Ambidextrous magazine release
- Weapon-Mounted lights (only authorized after member has successfully completed the Weapon-Mounted Light course):
 - Streamlight TLR-1 rail-mounted tactical light

- SureFire X300 Ultra LED weapon light
- INFORCE Gen3 APL weapon light (minimum 300 lumens)

c. Prohibited:

- Lasers
- Bipods
- Drum magazines
- Customized trigger poundage
- Removing the muzzle (flash suppressor)
- Bump stocks

d. Limited Modifications to Department Rifles:

- Rear flip up sights
- Red Dot or Holographic optics with 2x magnification (no magnifiers)
- Quad-Rail handguard
- Tactical sling adapter (no end plate sling adapter)

Note: Any modifications to Department patrol rifles must be authorized by Firearms Training. Any member found in violation is subject to disciplinary action.

Approved Sling for the Smith and Wesson M&P-15 Rifle

The Smith and Wesson M&P15 rifle is authorized to be carried with a sling, specified below, and is the only type approved for Department use:

- a. Sling Adapter, by Command Arms, model OPSM Sling Mount; and
- b. Blackhawk Storm Sling Point Sling.

The sling must be purchased at the member's own expense and shall only be installed at the Rouge Range by Firearms Training Team members.

Safety Inspecting the M&P-15 Rifle

The first consideration when handling any weapon is to make sure the weapon is safe. Members are to perform a safety inspection of the M&P-15 rifle in the following manner:

- a. Keep the weapon pointed in a safe direction;
- b. Attempt to point the safety lever to the "SAFE" position. If the weapon is not cocked, the safety lever cannot be pointed toward the "SAFE" position. If this occurs go to the next step;
- c. Remove the magazine by grasping it with the right hand and depress the magazine release button with the thumb. Pull the magazine straight down to remove it from the weapon;
- d. Lock the bolt carrier to the rear by grasping the charging handle, depressing the charging handle latch, and pulling the charging handle all the way to the rear; press in on the bottom of the bolt catch with the thumb or forefinger. Allow the bolt carrier to move slowly forward until the bolt engages the bolt catch;

- e. Return the charging handle to its forward position;
- f. Inspect the receiver and chamber by looking through the ejection port to ensure that these areas do not contain any ammunition; and
- g. Check the safety lever to ensure that it points toward the "SAFE" position.

Note: The rifle is clear or safe only when there is no round in the chamber, the magazine is out, the bolt carrier is locked to the rear, and the selector lever is in the "safe" position.

Loading the M&P-15 Rifle

While loading the rifle, it is imperative that the member ensures the rifle is pointed in a safe direction with their finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard at all times. Members are to load the M&P-15 Rifle in the following manner:

- a. Lock the bolt to the rear. Place the safety lever on the "SAFE" position. Insert the magazine into the magazine well, pushing up until a "click" is heard;
- b. Pull the charging handle all the way to the rear and release it. Do not ride the charging handle forward. As the bolt moves forward under the force of the action spring, it strips a round from the magazine and chambers it. If the weapon will not be fired immediately, leave the safety lever on the "SAFE" position and close the dust cover. The dust cover will open automatically when the first round is fired; and
- c. The bolt catch will lock the bolt carrier to the rear after the last round is fired. To change magazines, press the magazine catch button, allowing the empty magazine to fall. Place the new magazine in the magazine well and push up until it is fully seated. Press the bolt catch on the left of the receiver and allow the bolt carrier to go forward. This action will chamber a round from the fresh magazine and the member is ready to commence firing.

Note: Should the bolt fail to go fully home at any time, push sharply on the forward assist assembly with the heel of the right hand.

Unloading the M&P-15 Rifle

To unload the M&P-15 rifle, subsequently making it safe, members shall:

- a. Point the weapon in a safe direction;
- b. Place the safety lever in the "SAFE" position;
- c. Remove the magazine;
- d. Pull the charging handle to the rear and inspect the chamber to make certain it is empty;
- e. Lock the bolt carrier to the rear by depressing the lower portion of the bolt catch; and
- f. Return the charging handle to the forward position.

Note: The rifle is safe only when no round is in the chamber; the magazine is removed; the bolt carrier is locked to the rear; and the safety lever is in the "safe" position.

Holsters

Approved Ankle Holsters for Secondary Weapons

Ankle holsters may be used for off-duty use and for on-duty use for a secondary weapon. Interested members shall contact Firearms Training for guidance on the type, brand, and model approved for use. Additionally, members are required to report to Firearms Training to train with the ankle holster prior to using it.

Shoulder Holsters

Shoulder holsters may be used for off-duty use and for on-duty use for a secondary weapon. The shoulder holster shall be concealable, accessible, and have a safety retention strap. The shoulder holster must be purchased at the member's own expense. Additionally, members are required to report to Firearms Training to train with the shoulder holster prior to using it.

Modifications

1. Members are prohibited from affixing or removing any attachment, grip, extension, or other equipment, or in any way modifying any Department-issued or approved sidearm or long weapon without prior approval or recommendations from either Firearms Inventory or Firearms Training armorers. Further examples of unauthorized modifications are:
 - a. Any color other than matte black for Smith and Wesson M&P and Glock handguns;
 - b. Peep, v-notched, laser, or fiber optic sighting systems;
 - c. Extended magazine tubes or magazines that provide larger capacity;
 - d. Magna-Port barrels, slides or flash suppressors; and
 - e. No reduced trigger pull and/or weight.
2. Members may affix a flashlight to their weapon after successful completion of an eight (8) hour Weapon Mounted Lights course. Flashlights and holsters must have prior approval or recommendations from Firearms Training.

Prohibited Uses

1. The use of a firearm is categorized as deadly/lethal force. The use of a firearm must be in strict compliance with this Department's use of *Deadly Force* policy [Refer to Directive **304.2** (Use of Force)].
2. Members shall not unnecessarily display or at *any time* use any weapon as an intimidation device.
3. The firing of warning shots is strictly prohibited.

Security of Weapons

1. All Department members, whether on duty or off duty, are prohibited from carrying a Department-issued or approved sidearm in a purse, briefcase, fanny-pack, pouch, carrying bag, backpack, or any similar carrying device. Members electing to carry a Department-issued or approved sidearm while off duty must carry the sidearm holstered on the member's person. Off-duty side arms shall be carried safely and concealed from public view.

2. Members are responsible for the care, cleaning, and security of weapons issued to them. Members shall keep their Department-issued and/or approved weapon(s) in good, serviceable condition at all times. All weapons shall be kept clean and free from excessive amounts of oil and ready for inspection.
3. When a member's residence is vacant for an extended period of time, (e.g. during a furlough, an extended leave, or extended use of compensatory time) the member shall not leave a Department-issued weapon at the residence. A member may leave the Department-issued weapon at their parent command if appropriate storage facilities are available, or at the nearest Department precinct station to the member's residence.
4. A Department locker is an inappropriate storage facility for any weapon.

Repair

1. Members shall report and explain any weapon malfunction to a DPD armorer. DPD issued weapons shall only be repaired by Department armorers. DPD approved weapons may be repaired by Department armorers, but all parts must be supplied by the member.
2. Members that have Department-approved weapons repaired outside the Department must have those weapons re-inspected by Firearms Inventory or Firearms Training prior to being used either on or off duty.
3. Department-issued or Department-approved weapons which become defective will be immediately removed from service.
4. If a Department-issued weapon must be replaced, the member will report to Firearms Inventory for an exchange. Firearms Inventory shall record the information (e.g. weapon, model number, serial number) on the member's firearms record. The member must report the exchange to their parent command for recording on the member's Personnel Data Card. The member must immediately report to Firearms Training to function fire their newly issued Department weapon. Member's privately-owned weapons used for Department use shall be repaired at the member's expense.

Ammunition

1. Ammunition approved for use while on or off duty in Department issued or approved weapons are limited to the ammunition approved by Firearms Training and the Chief of Police. Approved ammunition for the Department is the Winchester Ranger Bonded, .40 caliber S&W, 180 grain, Jacketed Hollow Point (JHP). The approved ammunition for the 9mm handgun is the Speer Gold Dot 124 grain or the Winchester Ranger Bonded JHP 147 grain. Members are prohibited from using reloaded or re-manufactured ammunition in any firearms. No other ammunition is authorized unless the Chief of Police or their designee exempts the specific member or group.
2. All semi-automatic Smith and Wesson M&P-40 caliber pistols carried by members, on or off duty, shall be carried with a chambered round and fourteen (14) rounds in the magazine. Additional magazines, when carried, shall be fully loaded with fifteen (15) rounds.
3. All semi-automatic Smith and Wesson M&P-40c caliber pistols carried by members, on or off duty, shall be carried with a chambered round and nine (9) rounds in the magazine. Additional magazines, when carried, shall be fully loaded with ten (10) rounds.
4. All revolvers carried on or off duty shall be fully loaded with Department approved ammunition.

5. Uniformed on-duty members shall carry the following ammunition. All supervisors shall ensure that members under their command are in compliance during their required quarterly firearm inspection:
 - a. *Fifty-one (51) rounds for a Smith and Wesson M&P-9 2.0 (Full Size) 9mm cal.; and*
 - b. *Forty-five (45) rounds for a Smith and Wesson M&P9c (Compact) 9mm cal.*
6. Firearms Training, as authorized by the Chief of Police, shall provide ammunition guidelines for all other weapons.

Firearm Safety

General

1. In general, all firearms shall be carried holstered or in a gun bag or gun box.
2. Ankle holsters may be used off duty or for secondary side arms provided that the member has received training from Firearms Training. Once a member is trained to use an ankle holster for off-duty or secondary side arms it will be noted on the member's Firearms Record Card (DPD164).
3. When a weapon is not holstered or not in a gun bag or gun box, members shall handle the weapon in the following manner:

a. Semi-Automatic Pistol

In the event a semi-automatic pistol is to be examined, inspected, or handled, it first must be made safe in the following manner:

- Keep weapon pointed in a safe direction with the finger off the trigger;
- Remove the source of feed (magazine);
- Eject round by cycling the slide;
- Rack the weapon three (3) times;
- Lock the slide to the rear;
- Physically and visually inspect the weapon for any live rounds; and
- Once certain the weapon is empty, the member may examine, inspect, and fieldstrip the weapon.

b. Revolver

In the event a revolver is to be examined, inspected, or handled it first must be made safe in the following manner:

- Keep weapon pointed in a safe direction with finger off the trigger, face half right placing the weapon in the palm of the left hand;
- Open the cylinder;
- Dump or extract the ammunition;
- Physically and visually inspect the weapon for any live rounds; and
- Once certain the weapon is empty, the member may examine, inspect, or further handle the weapon.

Firing at a Moving Motor Vehicle

1. Firearms shall not be discharged at a moving vehicle unless a person in the vehicle is immediately threatening the Department member or another person with deadly force or serious bodily injury.
2. Members shall not knowingly place themselves into the path of a moving vehicle or into the likely path of a vehicle that is currently stopped but is under the immediate control of a driver. When feasible, members should attempt to move out of the path of any moving vehicle to a position of cover. Members shall not discharge their weapon except in instances where the member's life or life of others is in immediate peril and there is no reasonable or apparent means of avoiding the threat.
3. Shooting at moving vehicles is generally not an effective means of immediately halting the progress of a closely approaching vehicle. Additionally, such action frequently produces unintended consequences.
4. A moving vehicle may become an uncontrolled deadly weapon that could seriously injure or kill the occupants of the vehicle and/or members or other innocent persons in its path. The potential harm to others in the area may outweigh the need to immediately apprehend the suspect.
5. Bullets fired at a moving vehicle may miss the intended target or ricochet and cause injury to members or other innocent persons.

Use of Force Reporting

1. The use of a firearm must be reported in strict compliance with the Department's Use of Force policy (Refer to Directive 201.11, Use of Force and Detainee Injury Reporting/Investigating).
2. Any use of a firearm must comply with the Department's Use of Force Policy (Refer to Directive 304.2, Use of Force).

Ordnance Control Officers

General

Those commands having assigned Department issued ordnance will designate a member of the command as an Ordnance Control Officer (OCO) in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement. OCO's will clean and inspect, on a weekly basis, all ordnance routinely carried in Department vehicles. Other ordnance will be cleaned and inspected monthly.

Inventory

1. The OCO shall be responsible for the accurate inventory of all command ordnance.
2. At the end of each month, command ordnance such as bulletproof vests, binoculars, riot batons, loud hailer, gas masks, etc., shall be accounted for on the Ordnance Inventory Report (DPD520). This report shall be forwarded to Firearms Inventory by the 10th of each month.
3. The OCO will replace command ordnance as necessary.

Quarterly Sidearm Inspections

General

1. Although a firearm instructor shall inspect each weapon during qualification at the range, at least once each month, all commanding officers shall ensure that a sidearm inspection is conducted for all members presently assigned to their command. The inspection shall determine the following:
 - a. The member has an updated Firearm Record (DPD164);
 - b. The member carries a fully loaded weapon; and
 - c. The member carries Department-approved ammunition.

2. At no time shall a weapon be withdrawn from a holster during a call for a sidearm inspection. To inspect the member's ammunition, the member shall be required to remove the magazine from their holstered weapon. The supervisor conducting the inspection shall prepare an Inter-Office Memorandum (DPD568) to the commanding officer, documenting the results of the inspection.

Inspection Procedure

For all revolver and semi-automatic pistol inspections, members shall be directed to a clearing barrel or pistol range by supervision to perform the following:

- a. Remove the firearm from the holster;
- b. Keep their finger off the trigger and point the muzzle of the firearm into the clearing barrel or down range;
- c. Members shall safely open the revolver cylinder or remove the magazine from the pistol. For revolvers, members shall be instructed to dump the ammunition into their hand. For semi-automatics, while keeping their finger off the trigger, members shall be instructed to rack the slide to the rear several times to extract and eject the chambered round. Members shall then lock the slide to the rear;
- d. The weapons, ammunition, magazines and overall condition are inspected for cleanliness;
- e. Magazines are filled and with the member's finger off the trigger and weapon pointed in a safe direction (clearing barrel or down range), members are instructed to charge or load their weapon; and
- f. While keeping their finger off the trigger members shall be instructed to re- holster and secure.

Ninety (90) Day Inspections

1. In addition to the above inspections, all members with a Department-issued or approved semi-automatic sidearm shall have their weapon inspected every ninety (90) days by a Department Ordnance Control Officer (OCO) or an authorized Department 90-Day Inspector.
2. Firearms Training will conduct several announced ninety (90) day inspection classes throughout the year. OCO's are required to attend an initial training session and a re-certification session annually. The names of all certified OCO's will be retained at Firearms Inventory.
3. The following OCO procedures will be adhered to:
 - a. Inspections will be performed on all Department-issued or Department-approved semi-automatic pistols in the command;
 - b. Inspections may only be conducted at locations equipped with either a clearing barrel or a Department range;
 - c. The signature of the OCO and the date of the inspection shall be affixed to the reverse side of the Firearm Record Card (DPD164), provided by each member; and
 - d. Monthly, an Inter-Office Memorandum (DPD568) shall be submitted by the OCO, through channels, to Firearms Inventory, listing all inspections made during the previous month and identifying those members not in compliance. One (1) copy will be retained by the command.

Firearms Training

General

1. All members are required to train and qualify with their primary on-duty firearm and any other on-duty or off-duty Department-issued or approved firearm bi-annually. Certified firearms instructors will provide corrective measures for any deficient firearm techniques and/or any failure to adhere to safe handling procedures.
2. Members shall bring the following equipment to the Department's bi-annual firearms qualifications:
 - a. Primary duty weapon(s);
 - b. Secondary weapon(s) and ammunition;
 - c. Duty holster (in-the-pants holsters, belly bands, or any kind of soft holsters are prohibited);
 - d. Three (3) magazines;
 - e. Magazine carrier; and
 - f. Hat.
3. Members who fail to bring the above-listed equipment will not be able to qualify and will have to reschedule their firearms qualification date.
4. Members that fail to qualify with their Department-issued weapon shall relinquish their Department-issued firearms and be relieved of their police powers.
5. All commands shall ensure that members are scheduled to qualify on a bi-annual basis. Bi-annual firearms qualification should occur at six (6) month intervals or as close to six (6) month intervals as possible.

6. The firearms instructor shall be in charge at all times when members, regardless of rank, are on the firing range for qualification.
7. A Firearms Training armorer shall thoroughly inspect all Department-issued or approved weapons annually to ensure that all weapons are safe and properly maintained.
8. The standards for all firearms qualifications must meet or exceed the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standard (MCOLES) guidelines for active duty Department members.
9. Training and qualification sessions for revolvers, semi-automatic pistols and shoulder weapons, include but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Stress training;
 - b. Low light training;
 - c. Advanced training; and
 - d. Proper use of force decision making to adequately prepare for real life situations.
10. Upon successful completion, a member will be provided with a Firearm Record Card (DPD164). The member, as proof of qualification, must carry the card. No card is provided for a failure.

Accidental or Unintentional Firearm Discharge

1. Commanding officers shall require members of their command that experience an accidental or unintentional discharge or have improperly used a weapon to receive and successfully complete firearms re-training. An Inter-Office Memorandum (DPD568) shall be submitted to Professional Education and Training requesting that the member(s) be provided with re-training. A copy of the investigation and report on the incident precipitating the request shall be attached.
2. Re-training sessions shall not be scheduled for a member on leave or on furlough. A written reply from Firearms Training will indicate the time and date of training. The member shall be carried working and assigned to the Detroit Police Pistol Range under the most similar conditions to the actual incident (e.g. weather, time, etc.), if feasible. Copies of the request for training, the reply, and the date of completion shall be stapled together and placed in the member's command file.
3. All accidental or unintentional firearm discharges are classified as Category 1 uses of force and will be investigated by Internal Controls (IC) and Force Investigations (FI) (Refer to Directive 201.11, Use of Force and Detainee Injury Reporting/Investigating).

Firearms Qualification

Failure to Qualify

1. Failure to successfully complete the required training and qualification at the indicated intervals, or to adhere to all safety protocols of Firearms Training, shall result in the administrative actions listed below:
 - a. Members who fail to qualify with their Department-issued weapon shall be relieved of their firearm and shall sign a Revocation Notice acknowledging not only that the member is in a no-gun status but also that the member is prohibited from taking any law enforcement action;

- b. Members shall also relinquish their DPD identification card and will be issued a new identification card indicating their no-gun status;
 - c. Those members who fail to qualify after four (4) remedial training sessions within forty-five (45) days of their initial failure to qualify shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including a recommendation for termination of employment; and
 - d. Firearms Training will notify the member's command of a member's administrative no-gun status and will provide progress reports for forty-five (45) days to the *Office of Field Support*.
2. While members may be temporarily relieved from the authorization to carry a weapon and are prohibited from taking law enforcement action that could jeopardize their safety, they are not relieved of their duty to immediately report to the proper authority any situation that requires law enforcement action.

Failure to Qualify with Primary Firearm

1. Members who fail to qualify with their Department-issued primary firearm shall have their firearm seized and will be scheduled for an immediate remedial training session. The member's command will be notified immediately of the date and time of the remedial training session. Neither the member nor the parent command may postpone the remedial training session.
2. If a remedial training session is missed or if the member fails to qualify at the initial remedial training session, the member will not be permitted to carry any firearm on or off duty.
3. Members placed in an administrative no-gun status after failing an initial remedial training session are limited to a total of four (4) remedial training sessions, to be completed within a forty-five (45) day period.
4. Members placed in an administrative no-gun status will be subject to medical review after the second remedial training session within the forty-five (45) day period.

Failure to Qualify with Secondary Firearm

1. All members are required to train and qualify with their secondary Department-issued or approved firearm bi-annually.
2. Failure to train and qualify with a secondary firearm will require the member to be scheduled for a subsequent training and qualification attempt.
3. Members may not carry a secondary firearm prior to successfully completing a training and qualification session.

Shotgun Failure

1. Failure to qualify with a Department-issued shotgun requires that the member be scheduled for an immediate remedial training session.
2. The member may not carry or be issued the respective weapon until the member successfully completes a training and qualification session.

Medical Deferment

1. A Medical Deferment does not necessarily excuse a member from firearms training and qualification.
2. Members excused from any session(s) of the Training and Qualification Program for a medical condition (as determined by the Department physician) shall be

advised of a temporary revocation of authority to carry any weapon, on or off duty, during the deferment.

3. Authority to carry a firearm is revoked by the Department physician when the member is either medically unable to take part in or complete a required firearm training and qualification session. The revocation shall take place regardless of whether the member has previously qualified for the current year.
4. Any member that is deemed "DISABLED" (incapacitated by illness or injury, physically or mentally impaired in a way that substantially limits activity, especially in relation to employment) and does not have an on-duty status (i.e. light duty, restricted duty, etc.) shall by no means attempt to participate in qualification. Police Medical shall provide the member with a Duty Status Form (DPD374), indicating a medical no-gun status for the parent command. Police Medical shall also provide the parent command with a verbal notification of the no-gun status. Upon leaving Police Medical, the member shall immediately report to their command and surrender any Department-issued weapon.
5. The member relieved of their firearm shall sign the Revocation Notice prepared by the parent command, acknowledging that the member is in a no-gun status and is prohibited from taking any law enforcement action. The Revocation Notice shall be forwarded to the Office of Support Operations, with copies retained by the member and the parent command.
6. While members may be temporarily relieved from the authorization to carry a weapon and are prohibited from taking law enforcement action that could jeopardize their safety, they are not relieved of their duty to immediately report to the proper authority, any situation that requires law enforcement action.

Failure to Attend

1. The bi-annual Firearms Training and Qualification Program is separated into First Half Qualification (January 1st through June 30th) and Second Half Qualification (July 1st through December 31st). The dates will be determined by Firearms Training.
2. Failure to attend both required training sessions shall result in the following administrative action:
 - a. The immediate revocation of authorization to carry a firearm;
 - b. Members shall be required to sign the Revocation Notice provided by their parent command acknowledging that members are relieved from carrying a firearm and are prohibited from taking law enforcement action;
 - c. This revocation shall remain in effect until such time as the member attends a training and qualification session; and
 - d. It is incumbent upon each member as well as their parent command to ensure attendance in order to avoid further administrative action.

Carrying Firearms

General

1. No member shall enter any holding cell or holding cell area with a firearm.
2. Members assigned to duty inside any Department building shall keep all weapons immediately available but out of view and out of reach of the general public.
3. The taking of prescription drugs or over-the-counter medications that may inhibit a member's ability or judgment prohibits the member from carrying any weapon. Members shall notify their immediate supervisor, if required by a medical

condition, that they are taking prescription or over-the-counter drugs that may inhibit their ability or judgment to carry a weapon.

4. Members are required to store their firearm(s) prior to a medical evaluation or taking part in a Department disciplinary proceeding. Lock boxes will be provided. Firearms shall not be removed from any holster in an unsafe manner. Members shall keep their finger off the trigger and the firearm pointed at the floor during the storage process.

Uniform (On Duty)

1. Members shall carry their Department-issued or approved primary sidearm holstered in a Department-issued or approved holster, worn in accordance with Department uniform standards.
2. Secondary side arms must be carried holstered and concealed in such a manner that allows for no unusual bulges, protrusions, or exposure.

Civilian Attire (On Duty and Off Duty)

1. All members shall carry their Department-issued or approved sidearm holstered, on their strong hand side, unless otherwise authorized in writing by the member's commanding officer. The written authorization shall be retained in the member's command personnel file and shall be effective until the member is transferred to another command or notified by the member's commanding officer that such authorization has been revoked.
2. All Department members are prohibited from carrying a Department-issued or approved sidearm in a purse, briefcase, fanny-pack, pouch, carrying bag, backpack, or any similar carrying device.
3. Members in civilian attire shall not appear in public places or buildings open to the general public without having their weapon(s) concealed in such a manner that allows for no unusual bulges, protrusions or exposure.

Off Duty

1. In addition to the firearms and ammunition listed in this policy, members are authorized to carry any pistol off duty provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a. The member must possess a valid CPL;
 - b. The member may lawfully carry the weapon consistent with local, state, and federal laws;
 - c. The weapon is inspected by the Firearms Training staff; and
 - d. The member qualifies with the firearm in accordance with Department firearm training protocols.
2. Certification as a Detroit Police Officer does not confer a right to carry any weapon while off duty. Members wishing to carry a firearm not explicitly authorized by the Detroit Police Department while off duty must adhere to the above listed specifications.
3. Additionally, the following procedures shall apply to all sworn members:
 - a. The carrying of a sidearm while off duty shall be the option of the member;
 - b. All members must carry their Department identification card and badge while on duty or off duty;

- c. While operating a Department vehicle off duty, members shall be armed with their Department-issued or approved sidearm;
- d. Members electing to carry a weapon off duty shall carry a Department-issued or approved sidearm, holstered, in a safe and accessible manner. Off-duty weapons shall be carried safely and concealed from public view;
- e. Members are prohibited from participating in any sporting activity while carrying a sidearm;
- f. Members shall not carry any weapon while engaged in or participating in any public demonstration, rally, march, or picketing activity;
- g. Off-duty members are prohibited by state law from carrying a firearm if their blood alcohol level is .02 or above. In addition, members shall not carry a firearm in situations where a member's performance may be impaired. The odor of intoxicants on the breath of a member shall be deemed "prima facie evidence" that they are unfit for duty;
- h. Members are prohibited from carrying a firearm if they are taking any debilitating medication (prescribed or non-prescribed);
- i. Members shall not carry any weapon while serving in the capacity of juror or prospective juror; and
- j. Members appearing in any court for jury duty shall report to the police detail at court to check in any weapon for safekeeping. If the police detail is closed or ill-equipped to handle safekeeping, the weapon shall be checked with the nearest precinct or police agency.

Outside Employment

Members may not be in uniform when engaged in outside employment. In addition, members may not carry or use any equipment and accessories issued by the Department (e.g. firearm, badge, cap shield, identification card, handcuffs, etc.) when engaged in any outside business activity or outside employment involving private or personal security.

Canada

1. Canadian law does not allow members of the Detroit Police Department to legally carry a weapon when visiting.
2. As a courtesy to the Department, the United States Customs Service will accept a member's firearm for safekeeping before the member enters Canada.
3. The weapon shall be carried concealed and unloaded into the U.S. Customs Office at either the bridge or tunnel entrances.
4. The member must provide verbal and physical identification to any U.S. Customs official whom the member comes into contact.
5. The weapon shall never be brandished.
6. Members shall relinquish the weapon in an inconspicuous manner.

Off-Duty Police Action

1. Off-duty members shall notify on-duty Department or local law enforcement officers (if outside of the City of Detroit) before taking police action, absent exigent circumstances, so that they may respond with appropriate personnel and resources to handle the problem.
2. Off-duty members are prohibited from carrying or using firearms or taking police action in situations where a member's performance may be impaired or the member's ability to take objective action may be compromised.

3. If it appears that the member making an arrest or carrying a firearm while off duty has consumed alcohol or is otherwise impaired, the member shall be required to submit to field sobriety, Breathalyzer, and /or blood tests.

Procedure to Purchase Firearms

General

1. Members buying or selling firearms must comply with all state and federal laws governing the purchase, sale, and registration of firearms.
2. Members may carry a privately-owned Department-approved optional sidearm, in accordance with this Directive, and under the following conditions:
 - a. The member purchases a firearm using either a License To Purchase, a RI60 Form using their MCOLES number, or a state-issued Concealed Pistol License;
 - b. The member must present the "Registry Copy" to their local law enforcement agency for registration within ten (10) days of purchase;
 - c. The member qualifies at the Detroit Police Pistol Range; and
 - d. The member completes a Firearm Record Card (DPD164) and Firearms Qualification Card (DPD25) for any Department-approved weapon the member elects to carry (one (1) copy is retained by Firearms Training and one (1) copy is forwarded to the parent command). In addition, the member shall prepare in duplicate a Privately Owned Firearm Card (DPD164) (one [1] copy shall be forwarded to the Firearms Inventory and one [1] copy is forwarded to the parent command by Firearms Training).

Retirement Weapons

1. Upon service retirement from the Department, members in good standing may *request to retain their service revolver or S&W M&P semi-automatic pistol by completing a "Request to Obtain Service Weapon" form (DPD 156A) submitted to the Chief of Police (through channels).*
2. The Department reserves the right to refuse *the member's request to retain their service weapon* for good cause shown.

Updates to the Department Manual are forthcoming.

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