

# JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## FIREARMS: AUTHORIZATION

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to specify weapons and ammunition which are authorized by the Jacksonville Police Department, and to govern the handling and training associated with the use of weapons and ammunition.

**POLICY:** It shall be the policy of the Jacksonville Police Department that officers will utilize only those weapons and ammunition issued or approved by the Department, both on and/or off duty in law enforcement related responsibilities. All sworn personnel shall be instructed in all policies covering weapons and use of force prior to being issued any weapons, and will demonstrate a proficiency in the handling and use of all weapons approved for that officer.

### **PROCEDURES:**

#### I. WEAPONS REVIEW, INSPECTION, AND APPROVAL (3.03)

- A. All lethal weapons issued or approved to carry will be inspected prior to issue.
- B. Any problems encountered with a weapon or its ammunition will be brought to the immediate attention of the Firearms Instructor. The Firearms Instructor will be responsible for the repair of any Department issued weapons found to be defective, inoperable, or otherwise in unserviceable condition.
- C. When an officer has a weapon which is in need of repairs, he will advise his immediate supervisor as soon as possible and return the weapon to the Firearms Instructor. The weapon will be sent to the manufacturer for repairs, if needed, and a replacement weapon will be issued, if available.
- D. No alterations or modifications of any kind may be made to Department weapons unless approved in writing by the Chief of Police or his designee.
- E. There will be an annual documented inspection of all authorized firearms by a designated person for proper functioning. This may be done during firearms qualifications, annual in-service, etc.

#### II. PROCEDURE FOR MAINTAINING A RECORD OF EACH WEAPON

- A. A notation of the review, inspection, and approval of Department approved weapons prior to being put into service will be recorded by the designated Firearms Instructor.
- B. Approval is based upon a physical inspection by the designated Firearms Instructor to ensure that each weapon meets Department specifications, is safe, and operationally serviceable.
- C. Officers are personally responsible for the maintenance and proper working condition of personally owned, off-duty weapons.

#### III. AMMUNITION

The Department will provide ammunition for training and on-duty use for all issued service weapons. Only Department issued ammunition will be used in the primary duty weapon. Approved ammunition will be from state contract.

IV. SECONDARY WEAPONS GUIDELINES (6.05)

Officers may carry an approved secondary weapon in conjunction with, and as a back-up to, the officer's primary Department issued weapon. Officers must provide their own Department authorized ammunition for secondary weapons. A copy of the Personal Firearms Request Form (JPD Form 8-1) will be placed in the officer's personnel file.

V. OFF-DUTY WEAPONS GUIDELINES (6.05)

Off-duty weapons follow the same guidelines as duty or secondary weapons; prior approval, inspection, and qualification, must be obtained before carrying the weapon(s). Officers must use Department approved ammunition and qualify biannually. Officers must provide their own Department authorized ammunition for off-duty weapons. Officers electing to carry a weapon while off-duty shall do so in a manner that will not attract attention or be open to the view of the public. A copy of JPD Form 5-4 will be placed in the officer's personnel file.

VI. PERSONALLY OWNED SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES

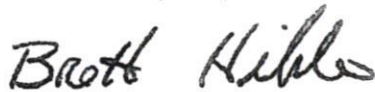
Officers may carry an approved personally owned shotgun and/or patrol rifle. Prior approval, inspections, and qualification must be achieved before carrying the weapon(s). Officers must use Department approved ammunition and qualify biannually. A copy of the Personal Firearms Request Form (JPD Form 8-1) will be placed in the officer's personnel file.

VII. STORAGE OF DUTY WEAPON-OFF DUTY/HOME

The duty weapon shall be stored in a manner that minimizes the risk of a minor or unauthorized person gaining access to, or control of, the weapon.

Attachments: Appendix A: Weapons and Ammunition

ALEAP: 3.03; 6.04; 6.05



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## Appendix A

### (Weapons and Ammunition) (6.04)

#### WEAPONS

The following types and specifications of all lethal and less lethal weapons are approved for departmental use, including those weapons used by tactical teams or specialized personnel:

##### Shotguns

- Remington 870 12 Gauge
- Mossberg 500, 590, Maverick 88 12 Gauge
- Winchester 1300 12 Gauge
- Charles Daly (Pump Action) 12 Gauge
- Benelli (Pump Action) 12 Gauge

##### Rifles (AR 15 Platform)

- Colt (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Olympic Arms (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Bushmaster (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Rock River (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Smith and Wesson (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Stag Arms (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Sig Sauer (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Daniel Defense (AR 15 Platform) .223 caliber
- Remington 700 .308 caliber (SWAT Only)
- Ruger Mini 14 .223 caliber (SWAT Only)
- Defense Technologies 37/40 mm launcher (SWAT Only)

##### Less Lethal

- Baton: ASP, Straight, or PR24
- 10% Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Projector
- Electronic Control Device:
- Pepper Ball Launcher

#### AMMUNITION

The following types and specifications of ammunition are approved for departmental use, including ammunition used in specialized weapons by members of tactical teams or other specialized personnel:

##### Revolvers:

- .22 caliber 36Gr.-60Gr.
- .38 caliber 110 Gr.-158Gr. +P
- .357 caliber 125 Gr. +P
- .44 caliber 180Gr.-240Gr.
- .45 caliber 200Gr.-250Gr.