

PINEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SECTION 6: ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

SUBJECT: 602 AUTHORIZED FIREARMS

EFFECTIVE: 01/01/2015

1. **POLICY.** Authorized firearms for use listed in the following categories will be maintained with fully loaded magazines of department or authorized ammunition, kept clean and in good working order:

- A. Uniform duty weapon. Authorized duty weapon calibers: .38, .357, 9mm, 40 S&W, 45.
- B. Non-uniform duty weapon. Authorized duty weapon calibers: .38, .357, 9mm, 40 S&W, 45.
- C. Secondary weapon. A secondary duty weapon (occasionally referred to as a backup) may be carried by officers after the firearm has been approved by the department Rangemaster, and the officer has demonstrated proficiency and safety skills to the designated Rangemaster. The secondary firearm shall be totally concealed and carried in a safe and secure manner. It shall not be visible to public scrutiny and shall not be displayed or used except in emergency situations.
- D. Personal weapon. Individually owned handgun(s) carried by any officer shall be authorized by the department Rangemaster. The make, model, caliber and serial number shall be kept in the officer's training file and the firearms record book. This does not apply to personal hunting or target weapons that are used for recreational purposes.
- E. Other weapons. Other duty firearms such as carbines, rifles, or special weapons are subject to approval by the Chief of Police.

2. **OFF DUTY WEAPONS/FIREARMS.** Off duty members may carry properly concealed upon his/her person an authorized firearm at all times, except under conditions where such would be socially unacceptable or inappropriate. Off duty weapons/firearms shall meet the following specifications: any handgun which has a minimum five (5) round capacity and is approved by the department Rangemaster. The member must qualify with the weapon before he/she is authorized to carry the firearm. The department Range master will record the make, model, caliber and serial number of the weapon with the qualification score.

3. **AUTHORIZED AMMUNITION.** The department will furnish, on an annual rotation basis, all ammunition carried by employees utilizing a department issued or authorized primary duty firearm for all personnel. Other than for training or practice, officers shall carry department issued, factory loaded and unaltered ammunition while carrying such a firearm on duty. Range practice ammunition shall be furnished by the department and will be comparable to duty ammunition in velocity and bullet weight.

4. **EXTRA DUTY AMMUNITION.** All uniform officers shall carry on their person at least two (2) high capacity magazines fully loaded for their authorized firearm. All officers may carry additional authorized handgun rounds in their briefcase. All other

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officers shall carry on their person at least one spare loaded magazine for their authorized firearm.

5. MAINTENANCE AND CERTIFICATION OF FIREARMS. Each officer shall see that their authorized firearm(s) is maintained in good working order. Certification of these firearms will occur only after a safety inspection of the weapon(s). The following shall apply to all firearms:

- A. The training sergeant is responsible for assuring that all officers comply with this directive.
- B. Serial numbers of all firearms approved for use will be recorded by the firearms instructor (including personal weapons). Before authorization is given to use or carry firearms in an official capacity, serial numbers of those firearm(s) assigned will be placed in the member's training file.
- C. Officers will exercise the utmost caution while in possession of any firearm and will provide maximum security for all firearms in their custody.
- D. Officers will not place any firearms or other weapons in department facilities, except when the place of storage is locked or under constant personal observation.
- E. Officers shall file a written report with their supervisor immediately following the theft, loss, sale or replacement of a firearm authorized for use by the department. This report shall include a complete description of such firearm including the serial number and purchaser.
- F. Officers of this department shall not lend, give or sell any firearm to any person, group or organization that does not have the legal right to possess such firearm.
- G. Officers shall not be authorized to use or carry a firearm in an official capacity unless that firearm has been certified for use by the department Rangemaster. Certification will only occur following a complete safety inspection. This inspection will occur on an annual basis and will be performed by an authorized department armorer. Firearm certification shall become a part of the employee's training file kept by the Range master.
- H. Each officer is responsible for the proper care and cleaning of their firearm(s) to insure they are operational at all times. They will be kept clean, operational and loaded to full capacity while carried in an official capacity. All firearms are subject to inspection by the supervisor on duty, the department armorer, or by the Rangemaster, without prior notification. Periodic inspections shall be made by all supervisors responsible for supervising employees authorized to carry firearms. Each officer will be required to clean his/her weapon after completing their course of fire. The weapon will then be inspected by a Firearms Instructor before leaving the range. Failure to have a firearm in operational order may result in disciplinary action being taken against the involved officer.

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- I. Officers shall report any damaged or malfunctioning firearms to their supervisor or department armorer. The firearm suspected of having a problem shall be submitted to the armorer for evaluation. All department issued/authorized primary duty firearms will be adjusted and repaired at department expense. Adjustments and repairs shall be made by the department armorer.
- J. All authorized primary duty firearms shall be inspected by the department armorer for proper functioning and cleanliness at least once annually and the results noted in a record which will be maintained on each firearm, whether department issued or personally owned. All repairs and parts replacements will be similarly noted, including repairs and replacements done to non-issued firearms serviced by an authorized gunsmith. If an officer has work performed on his/her individually owned primary duty authorized firearm by someone other than a department armorer, then he/she must give a written, detailed account of the work performed to the department armorer immediately following the repair or modification. A record will be maintained by the department Rangemaster.
- K. Officers shall not alter or adjust (other than sight alignment) any authorized firearm. Such alteration or adjustment shall be done by the department armorer or a department authorized gunsmith in the case of a department issued firearm. Individually owned weapons may be repaired by an authorized gunsmith, providing the modifications are compatible to department standards.

By order of

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Chief of Police