

BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

PERSONALLY OWNED DUTY WEAPONS

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PURPOSE

This SOP is to detail the specifications of a personally owned weapon to be used as a primary duty weapon while employed at the Bloomington Police Department. Providing a personally owned duty weapon will be strictly voluntary on the officer's part.

CRITERIA FOR A PERSONALLY OWNED DUTY WEAPON

Any officer who has successfully completed their probationary period may choose to switch to a Personally Owned Duty weapon (POD). All new officers will be issued a department weapon for use during their probationary period. Upon successful completion of the probationary period an officer may choose to use a POD.

Officers choosing to use a POD rather than a department issued duty weapon will turn in the issued department weapon and all associated issued equipment (holster, magazines and magazine carrier). **Officers choosing to carry a POD will not be awarded a department issued weapon upon retirement.**

WEAPON SPECIFICATIONS

1. The weapon will be from a known and respected manufacturer who supplies weapons to U.S. law enforcement.
2. The weapon will be black with a 3.9 inch barrel or longer.
3. The weapon caliber will be .40 Smith and Wesson.
4. The weapon must be double action only with one consistent trigger pull (includes Striker Fired weapons). **Single Action or Double Action/Single Action weapons are not authorized.**
5. The weapon will not be altered with aftermarket parts or springs which reduce the trigger pull weight to less than the factory manufactured parts provide for that model firearm.
6. The weapon magazine will carry at least 10 rounds. Grip extensions are acceptable as long as they are approved by a department firearms instructor.
7. The weapon will be carried in a Safariland Duty Holster utilizing automatic locking system security (ALS) retention with ALS Guard. The holster color will be plain black. This holster may be equipped with higher security at the choosing and expense of the officer.
8. The weapon will have night sights or high visibility sights functional in low light environments.
9. There will be a minimum of three magazines of at least 10 rounds each. One in the weapon and two or three in an approved magazine carrier.

10. Approved pistol optics will be allowed so long as a Safariland Duty Holster with required features is available for the weapon. Officers will be required to qualify with and without optics.
11. A Safariland Quick Locking System (QLS) is authorized at the officer's expense. A QLS is a kit which comes with one or more receiver plates and a plate for the holster. The Kit can be mounted on a duty belt or a paddle for officers who act in various job assignments, for instance a patrol officer who is also on the SWAT team.

PROCEDURE

Officers wishing to change over to a personally owned duty weapon will purchase the necessary approved equipment in accordance with this policy (weapon, holster, magazine carriers, etc.). The officer will notify the department Range Master via email, who will at their discretion allow officers to complete the transition course of fire, familiarization and qualification during normally schedule range days. The range officer will notify the officer when they will be able to complete the range qualification.

Officers will be required to participate in the yearly qualifications regardless of when they complete the transition to a POD.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:

Officers are financially responsible for the costs associated with the repair, or replacement of their POD and associated equipment when a range officer/armorer determines such to be required. If the repair or replacement of the POD cannot be accomplished before the officer's next scheduled duty day, the officer will be temporarily issued a department pistol and associated equipment from training division.

The officer will complete department qualification with the issued weapon prior to duty. Once their POD is repaired or replaced the officer will need to be qualified on the repaired or replaced POD. Following qualification, the department issued weapon and associated equipment will need to be returned before the officer is authorized to carry their POD. At no time should an officer have a department issued pistol while carrying a POD for duty.

If the repair or replacement is anticipated to take longer than 30 days, the officer will need to notify the Range Master.