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Policy:

It is the policy of the Rockford Police Department to promote the safe and efficient use of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition carried and used by sworn officers. Due to the inherent danger of firearms, the Department requires the proper and safe storage of weapons. Officers will comply with the following policy in order to prevent injury to self and others.

Purpose:

The purpose of this General Order is to establish procedures for the safe and efficient use of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition carried and used by sworn officers of the Rockford Police Department.

This General Order is comprised of the following numbered sections:

- I. DEFINITIONS
- II. DEPARTMENT OWNED/ISSUED AND OFFICER OWNED FIREARMS
- III. DEPARTMENT OWNED SPECIALIZED FIREARMS
- IV. OFFICER OWNED SPECIALIZED FIREARMS
- V. AMMUNITION
- VI. SECONDARY CARRY FIREARMS
- VII. CONTROL OF DEPARTMENT FIREARMS & RECORD KEEPING
- VIII. FIREARM ACCESSORIES
- IX. STORAGE OF FIREARMS
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- XI. REVIEWS, REVISIONS AND CANCELLATIONS

Appendices:

- A. Department Authorized Firearms for Uniformed, Plain Clothes, and Off-Duty Carry.

- B. Department Authorized Firearm Accessories
 - C. Department Authorized Ammunition
 - D. Department Authorized Specialized Firearms
 - E. 720 ILCS 5/24-9 Firearms; Child Protection
- I. Definitions:
- A. Situational contamination: Firearm exposed to biohazard material, bloodborne pathogens, blood, oleoresin capsicum, methamphetamine laboratory, and similar substances.
 - B. Conditional factors: Firearm exposed to water, mud, hard surfaces, or other incidents causing the possibility of damage to the firearm.
 - C. LEADS: Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) is a statewide, computerized, telecommunications system, maintained by the Illinois State Police, designed to provide the Illinois criminal justice community with access to computerized justice related information at both the state and national level.
 - D. NCIC: is a computerized index of criminal justice information (i.e.- criminal record history information, fugitives, stolen properties, missing persons). It is available to Federal, state, and local law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies and is operational 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- II. Department Owned/Issued and Officer Owned Firearms:
- A. Every sworn officer is issued one firearm to be carried on-duty. Officers are authorized to carry this firearm off-duty in accordance with the constraints of this General Order.
 - B. Officers have the option to purchase a firearm for on-duty and off-duty carry. The Rockford Police Department must authorize the manufacturer, model, and conditions for carry (Appendices A & B). An officer can choose to return a Department owned/issued firearm to the Department's inventory, if the officer personally owns a Department approved firearm.
 - C. Officers have the option to purchase a Specialized Firearm (Patrol Type Rifle) for on-duty and off-duty use. The Rockford Police Department must authorize the manufacturer, model, and conditions for carry (Appendices A & B).
 - D. Probationary officers of the Department are not authorized to carry any weapon off-duty until successful completion of their Field Training Program.
 - E. Off-duty officers carrying a weapon must conceal the weapon and shall carry their badge, department issued photo identification at all times, and have their handcuffs readily available with them at all times. On-duty non-uniformed officers shall keep their weapon concealed when in public areas unless circumstances dictate otherwise (crime scene, supervisor approval, nature of assignment, etc.) when armed, sworn personnel shall carry their badge, department issued photo identification at all times, and have their handcuffs readily available with them at all times.
 - F. Illinois Compiled Statutes (720 ILCS 5/24-2) permit off-duty police officers to carry firearms. The Department does not encourage or discourage this practice. Off-duty officers are prohibited from carrying firearms when:
 - 1. Their mental or physical capabilities have been impaired by the use of alcohol, medication, or a combination thereof.
 - 2. They can anticipate having their mental or physical capabilities impaired by the use of alcohol, medication, or a combination thereof.

- G. If an officer discharges their weapon at anytime, including line of duty, training, or by accident, it will be the officer's responsibility to ensure that the firearm is thoroughly cleaned.
 - H. It is the officer's responsibility to notify the Department of any damage to a firearm, which would require repair, or if the firearm requires cleaning due to situational, contamination, or conditional factors which may affect the performance of the firearm or cause the possibility of damage to the firearm. In these instances the firearm will be cleaned and inspected by a Department armorer who is certified as an armorer by one of the firearm type's manufacturers.
 - I. The Department will perform maintenance and inspection of all issued and personally owned Department authorized firearms on a scheduled regular basis, separate from the conditions described above in paragraph "H". A Department authorized armorer, who is certified as an armorer by one of the firearm type's manufacturers, will perform the scheduled regular maintenance and inspection of the firearm.
 - J. The Department must approve all alterations to firearms. Officers must comply with this two-step process:
 - 1. Officers must contact the Training Unit for authorization to modify an authorized duty weapon.
 - 2. Only Department authorized armorers; who are certified by the firearm's manufacturer or who are certified by one of the specialized firearm type's manufacturer, will perform the scheduled alterations.
- III. Department Owned Specialized Firearms:
- A. Any Department owned firearm, excluding issued uniformed carry handguns, are situational weapons assigned to Bureaus for use as needed in accordance with Rockford Police Department guidelines.
 - B. Specialized firearms will consist of, but not limited to: (See Appendix D)
 - C. Supervisors are responsible for disbursement of specialized firearms.
 - D. It is the responsibility of the officer or assigned supervisor to notify the Department of any damage to a specialized firearm assigned to their Bureau, which would require repair or replacement of the specialized firearm or its parts.
 - E. The Department will perform maintenance and inspection of all Department owned specialized firearms on a scheduled regular basis and as necessary due to situational contamination or conditional factors. A Department authorized armorer, who is certified as an armorer by the manufacturer of the firearm, will perform all maintenance and inspections of specialized firearms.
 - F. The Department must approve all alterations to specialized firearms. Officers must comply with this two-step process:
 - 1. Officers must contact the Training Unit for authorization to modify a Department specialized firearm.
 - 2. Only Department authorized armorers who are certified by the specialized firearm's manufacturer will perform the alteration.
- IV. Officer Owned Specialized Firearms (Patrol Type Rifles):
- A. Officer Owned Specialized Firearms (Patrol Type Rifles) are situational weapons as needed in accordance with Rockford Police Department guidelines. The carry of these weapons will be in accordance with current Department Policies with regards to similar Department Owned and Issued weapons.

- B. Officer Owned Specialized firearms (Patrol Type Rifles) will consist of, but not limited to: (See Appendix D)
 - C. It is the responsibility of the officer or assigned supervisor to notify the Department of any damage to an officer owned specialized firearm (Patrol Type Rifle) which would require repair of the officer owned specialized firearm (Patrol Type Rifle) or its parts.
 - D. The Department will perform maintenance and inspection of all officer owned specialized firearms (Patrol Type Rifles) on a scheduled regular basis and as necessary due to situational contamination or conditional factors. A Department authorized armorer, who is certified as an armorer by one of specialized firearm type's manufacturers (e.g. Colt, Bushmaster etc.), will perform all maintenance and inspections of officer owned specialized firearms (Patrol Type Rifles).
 - E. Officer Owned Rifles damaged while on-duty, during official Department Training or any other official Department event shall adhere to the following:
 - 1. A Department authorized armorer, certified to repair such rifles, will perform all repair work.
 - 2. Any damage to an Officer Owned Rifle, occurring while on-duty, during official Department Training or any other official Department event, must be documented in an officer's report. A complete description of the damage shall be listed in the property section of the case report (in the narrative of the officer's report).
 - F. The Department must approve all alterations to officer owned specialized firearms (Patrol Type Rifles). Officers must comply with this two-step process:
 - 1. Officers must contact the Training Unit for authorization to modify an officer owned specialized firearm they will be using on duty.
 - 2. Only Department authorized armorers, who are certified as an armorer by one of the specialized firearm type's manufacturers, will perform the alteration.
- V. Ammunition:
- A. The Department will issue ammunition for use with on-duty, secondary, and specialized firearms (See Appendix C). No officer will substitute or supply ammunition which is not Department issued.
 - B. The Department will supply all practice ammunition, excluding ammunition for off-duty weapons.
- VI. Secondary Carry Firearms:
- A. Officers may carry a second firearm. This policy is neither recommended nor discouraged by the Rockford Police Department.
 - B. Secondary firearms must be an issued or a personally owned Department authorized firearm. (Appendix A)
 - C. Secondary firearms must be carried concealed and secured in a holster or other device specifically designed for this purpose.
- VII. Control of Department Firearms and Record Keeping:
- A. The Administrative Service Bureau will issue all Department owned duty and specialized firearms to officers.
 - B. The Administrative Service Bureau will maintain a log of all issued duty and personally owned duty firearms.

- C. Any time a Department owned or personally owned firearm becomes lost, stolen, or missing, the officer responsible for the weapon at the time of the loss will make all appropriate police reports. The officer's immediate supervisor must forward copies of the reports to the Assistant Commander of the Administrative Service Bureau. If the responsible officer is incapacitated due to injury, illness or other reasons beyond their control, a supervisor will assign another officer to complete the appropriate police reports.
 - D. The Assistant Commander of the Administrative Service Bureau will ensure that the lost, stolen, or missing firearm's identifiers have been entered into both LEADS and NCIC for proper return to the Department if located.
 - E. In the event of an officer-involved shooting, a newly issued Department owned firearm will be provided to an officer at the scene. When possible, the replacement firearm will be of the same make and model as the officer's owned/issued firearm. The exchange of the firearm shall be conducted discreetly out of public view.
- VIII. Firearm Accessories:
- A. Firearm accessories are considered an alteration of the firearm. Any alteration of the firearm must meet Department approved guidelines. (Appendix B)
 - B. The Training Unit Supervisor must approve accessories.
 - C. An authorized Department armorer, who is certified as an armorer by one of the firearm types manufacturers will perform approved alterations to the firearm.
- IX. Storage of Firearms:
- A. Officers are responsible for the safe storage of firearms in their homes. Factors to consider in the storage are children present, mental/emotional capacity of family members, marital or other relationship issues. The factors will dictate if the weapon should be left at the PSB, locked, or stored by some other means, but the officer is at all times responsible.
 - 1. Officers taking their firearm to their residence will ensure that storage of the firearm complies with 720 ILCS 5/24-9(a). (See appendix E)
 - B. Officers leaving a firearm in a Public Safety Building basement locker will ensure the locker is secure at all times.
 - C. While working within the Public Safety Building and not carried on their person, officers may leave their firearm in a locked firearm storage container, locked desk, locked filing cabinet, or in some other location that a reasonable person would believe it to be secure.
- X. Effective Date:
- A. The effective date of this Order is April 28, 2004.
 - B. Replaces General Order 82-07 (A-7), dated November 18, 1982
- XI. Reviews, Revisions and Cancellations:
- A. This General Order will be reviewed annually by the Training Unit Supervisor and, when necessary, revised or cancelled in accordance with the procedures for reviewing written directives established in General Order 10.01 – Written Directives.
 - B. Any employee with suggestions for revisions and/or improvements to this order are encouraged to submit their ideas to the Training Unit Supervisor.

BY ORDER OF

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Chief of Police

APPENDIX "A"

Authorized Firearms for Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry

1. Smith & Wesson, M & P, with night sights.
Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
2. Glock, Model G22, with night sights.
Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
3. Glock, Model G22C, with night sights.
Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
4. Glock, Model G23, with night sights.
Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
5. Glock, Model G23C, with night sights.
Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
6. Glock, Model G27, with night sights.
Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
(Uniformed officers working primarily inside the PSB are authorized to carry the Glock Model 27 in a Department issued plain-clothes style holster. The Glock Model 27 may not be carried on the Sam Brown duty belt).
7. Glock, Model G35, with night sights.
Uniformed, Plain Clothes and Off-Duty Carry
8. Smith & Wesson M&PC40 (Compact), with night sights.
(Uniformed officers working primarily inside the PSB are authorized to carry the S&W M&PC in a Department issued plain-clothes style holster. The S&W M&PC may not be carried on the Sam Brown duty belt).

Any of the above listed firearms may be carried in a back up capacity on duty, as long as it is carried totally concealed. Officers are to be reminded that some of the listed weapons are more easily concealed and managed in this capacity than others on the list.

APPENDIX "B"

Authorized Firearm Accessories

1. Smith & Wesson, M & P
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: Trijicon
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: Hogue
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement Only Manufacturer: S & W
 - Misc: weapon mounted light Manufacturer: Surefire M-3 or equivalent
2. Glock, Model G22
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: various
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement only Manufacturer: Glock
 - Misc: weapon mounted light Manufacturer: M-3 or equivalent
3. Glock, Model G22C
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: various
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement only Manufacturer: Glock
 - Misc: weapon mounted light Manufacturer: M-3 or equivalent
4. Glock, Model G23
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: various
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement only Manufacturer: Glock
 - Misc: weapon mounted light Manufacturer: M-3 or equivalent
5. Glock, Model G23C
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: various
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement only Manufacturer: Glock
 - Misc: weapon mounted light Manufacturer: M-3 or equivalent
6. Glock, Model G27
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: various
 - Magazines: Glock Factory Magazine Manufacturer: Glock
 - Misc: Magazine Extension Manufacturer: Glock
7. Glock, Model G35
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: various
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement only Manufacturer: Glock
 - Misc: weapon mounted light Manufacturer: M-3 or equivalent
8. Smith & Wesson, M & PC40 (Compact)
 - Sights: night sights mandatory Manufacturer: Various
 - Grips: Standard or Wrap around Manufacturer: Hogue
 - Magazines: Law Enforcement Only Manufacturer: S & W
 - Misc: N/A

APPENDIX "C"

Authorized Ammunition

WEAPON	DESCRIPTION	MANUFACTURER
Smith & Wesson, M & P	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
Glock 22	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
Glock 23	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
Glock 27	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
Glock 35	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
Smith & Wesson, M & P40C	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
Smith & Wesson, M & P	.40 Caliber (Practice Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
Glock 22	.40 Caliber (Practice Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
Glock 23	.40 Caliber (Practice Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
Glock 27	.40 Caliber (Practice Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
Glock 35	.40 Caliber (Practice Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
Smith & Wesson, M & P40C	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
12 Ga. Shotgun	00 Buckshot	Federal
12 Ga. Shotgun	Low Recoil Slug	Remington
12 Ga. Shotgun	Less Lethal (Beanbag)	Deftec
AR-15	.223	Federal (TRU)
Remington 40X Rifle	.308	Hornaday/Federal Tap Amax
Remington 700 Rifle	.308	Hornaday/Federal Tap Amax
M-14	.308	Hornaday/Federal Tap Amax
H & K MP-5/40	.40 Caliber (Duty Ammo)	Speer Gold Dot
	.40 Caliber (Practice Ammo)	Speer Lawman (CF)*
Taser	21 Foot Cartridge	TASER International

* Department weapons will only use the Speer Lawman (CF) as practice ammunition. No re-loaded ammunition will be used with Department weapons during practice at anytime, unless authorized by the Training Unit.

APPENDIX "D"

Authorized Specialized Firearms

WEAPON DESCRIPTION	WEAPON MANUFACTURER
AR-15 Rifle	Colt Eagle Arms Bushmaster DPMS PWA
870 12 Gauge Shotgun	Remington
870 12 Gauge Shotgun (Less Lethal)	Remington
100/1187 12 Gauge Shotgun	Remington
308 Sniper Rifle (40X & Rem 700)	Remington
308 Rifle (M-14)	Winchester TRW H & R Springfield Armory
MP5/40	H & K
37 mm Gas Gun	Sage Defense Technology
TASER	TASER International
OFFICER OWNED (Patrol Type Rifle): AR-15 Type Rifles	Colt Smith & Wesson Bushmaster DPMS Remington Rock River Arms Armalite Stag Arms DS-Arms Noveske Rifleworks Knight's Armament (Other manufacturers as approved by the Training Unit)

Note: Officer Owned Patrol Type Rifles must safely operate with Department issue duty and training ammunition. The rifle must have a front and a rear sight (fixed, back-up, fold down etc.) The weapon may be equipped with an electronic sighting device of a similar nature to the currently issued Department Specialized Firearms. The Officer must provide the weapon with a sling, three appropriate magazines and a carrying case (soft or hard). A weapon light is encouraged, but not required.

The owning Officer must complete the Department AR-15 qualification course (**Appendix D, General Order 20.04**) prior to being given Department authorization to use the Officer Owned Patrol Type Rifle while on-duty.

APPENDIX “E”

5/24-9 Firearms; Child Protection

- (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), it is unlawful for any person to store or leave, within premises under his or her control, a firearm if the person knows or has reason to believe that a minor under the age of 14 years who does not have a Firearm Owners Identification Card is likely to gain access to the firearm without the lawful permission of the minor’s parent, guardian, or person having charge of the minor, and the minor causes death or great bodily harm with the firearm, unless the firearm is:
- (1) secured by a device or mechanism, other than the firearm safety, designed to render a firearm temporarily inoperable; or
 - (2) placed in a securely locked box or container; or
 - (3) placed in some other location that a reasonable person would believe to be secure from a minor under the age of 14 years.
- (b) Sentence. A person who violates this Section is guilty of a Class C misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than \$1,000. A second or subsequent violation of this Section is a Class A misdemeanor.
- (c) Subsection (a) does not apply:
- (1) if the minor under 14 years of age gains access to a firearm and uses it in a lawful act of self-defense or defense of another; or
 - (2) to any firearm obtained by a minor under the age of 14 because of an unlawful entry of the premises by the minor or another person.
- (d) For the purposes of this Section, “firearm” has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.