

FIREARMS: AUTHORIZATION

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.