

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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FIREARMS: TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

PURPOSE: To establish policies and procedures to safely train and document the firearms proficiency of Jacksonville Police Department officers.

POLICY: It is the policy of this Department that every full-time, specialized, and auxiliary law enforcement officer will be required to qualify biannually with all firearms carried or used by an officer including issued duty handgun, secondary, off-duty, rifle, shotgun, and specialized weapons. All weapon qualifications will be fired on an approved firing range, under the supervision of a certified Firearms Instructor. At least one (1) yearly duty handgun, shotgun, and rifle training will be a low light or no light course, budget and manpower permitting. The Training Section will ensure that all firearms qualification courses are certified through Minimum Standards and will maintain a record of all approved firearms training in the officers' training file. Officers will be required to wear their body armor at the firing range during training and/or qualification.

PROCEDURES:

- I. QUALIFICATION COURSES - DUTY WEAPONS (6.05)
 - A. Firearms training will be under the direct supervision of a firearms instructor assigned as the Range Officer. The Range Officer will be in command and control of the range and firearms training.
 - B. Qualification courses of fire for handgun, shotgun and rifle will be developed by Department firearms instructors and certified by Minimum Standards.
 - C. If an officer misses a scheduled firearms qualification date, the Training Sergeant will notify the officer's Lieutenant and the qualification will be re-scheduled as soon as possible.
 - D. The minimum firearms qualification score is eighty (80%) percent.

- II. QUALIFICATION COURSES- OFF-DUTY/SECONDARY/SPECIALIZED WEAPONS (6.05)
 - A. Officers wishing to carry a secondary weapon while on-duty, in conjunction with their Department issued duty weapon, must demonstrate proficiency biannually and provide their own ammunition. The qualification course for secondary weapons will be developed by a Department firearms instructor and certified by Minimum Standards.
 - B. Officers carrying weapons while off-duty, other than the Department issued duty weapon, as an off-duty weapon must demonstrate proficiency biannually and provide their own ammunition. The qualification course for off-duty weapons will be developed by a Department firearms instructor and certified by Minimum Standards.
 - C. Specialized weapons, i.e. rifles, carbines, fully-automatic weapons, shotguns, etc., other than service weapons will be authorized only for those employees who are qualified with and whose assignments require such weapons. Personnel authorized to be equipped with such specialized weapons will receive documented training and proficiency prior to carrying these weapons. If an officer fails to qualify he may not carry the weapon.
 - D. The minimum firearms qualification score is eighty (80%) percent.