

Procedure - Use of Private Purchase Weapons for Sworn Personnel While On-Duty

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104.1 PURPOSE

The Department has adopted and embraces the Six Pillars established by the President's Task Force on 21-Century Policing. The Task Force's recommendations are far reaching and encompass multiple areas that center on building community trust and legitimacy, policy and oversight, community policing, and training.

The sixth pillar of the task force focuses on officer wellness and safety. The Department believes that care for our officer's wellbeing and health is no less important than any of the other recommendations addressed in the Task Force's report. We firmly adhere to the philosophy that police officers who are offered the opportunity to carry the best available equipment are able to perform at a higher standard and do their job more safely and effectively.

The Department's focus on maintaining proper safety equipment, training and ongoing education is well documented. Furthermore, the Department is dedicated to the commitment to remain progressive and ever-evolving as the profession of modern law enforcement is ever-changing.

In an effort to further enhance our police officers' safety, the Department has introduced a program in which sworn members of the Department of Police Services will be allowed to carry a Privately Purchased Weapon (PPW) while on duty. This program may be rescinded at any time by the Chief of Police and is strictly voluntary.

104.2 PROCEDURES

104.2.1 IMPLEMENTATION OF PPW PROGRAM

1. The PPW must be semi-automatic and black in color. The PPW must be of high quality and manufactured by a reputable maker of commonly approved law enforcement firearms (Glock, Sig Sauer, Smith & Wesson, Springfield, etc). If the officer has previously been POST certified for striker-fired pistols, the PPW shall also be striker-fired. If the PPW is a 1911/2011 style, the officer must complete a POST certified 1911 transition school. The officer is responsible for the tuition of any required transition school. Final approval of the PPW and any required transition school rests with the Chief or the Chief's designee.

2. The PPW must be registered to the officer carrying it on-duty, and only one PPW will be approved for on-duty use for each officer.

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3. The PPW being carried on-duty must be chambered in 9mm in order to use Department approved ammunition for training, qualification, and duty. The barrel length of the PPW shall not exceed 5 inches.
4. Prior to carrying any PPW on-duty or off-duty, the officer must qualify with it in the presence of range staff and demonstrate competency in appropriate manipulations.
5. If a PPW malfunctions, the officer is required to have repairs done by a qualified gunsmith, at the officer's expense. During the time the PPW is out of service, the officer is required to carry their Department issued firearm on-duty.
6. If the officer is involved in a Use of Force with the PPW, the officer agrees to surrender the PPW to investigators for testing, as described in existing policy.
7. Internal modification of the PPW, beyond the manufacture's specifications (trigger jobs, porting, etc) is not allowed. External modification of the PPW in order to improve fit or function (magazine wells, grips, extended controls, optics, night-sights, etc) is allowed but only if it does not change the function of the pistol beyond manufacturer specification. Modifications shall be done by a competent gunsmith, at the officer's expense.
8. The PPW shall be examined by Range Staff for proper functioning annually, to coincide with the standard CSUN firearms audits.

104.2.2 APPROVED EQUIPMENT (NON-FIREARM)

1. The duty holster must be Level II or higher, be specifically designed for the PPW, and be manufactured by a reputable maker of commonly approved law enforcement holsters (Safariland, Comp Tac, US Duty Gear, etc). Holsters, magazine pouches, lights, and optics must conform to existing CSUN uniform standards.
2. If the PPW is manufactured by the factory with an optic cut, attaching a Pistol Mounted Optic (PMO) is allowed. Aftermarket optic cuts that are added to a non-optic cut firearm void factory warranties and will decertify the firearm from Department service.
3. If a PMO is mounted to a duty gun, it must be black in color and installed as per manufacturer specifications. The PPW with optic may not be carried on duty until the officer has completed a Department approved PMO transition course. The following PMO are approved for duty use:
 - Aimpoint
 - Trijicon
 - Holosun
 - Sig Sauer

Note: Higher profile front and rear sights may be required to "co-witness" with the PMO. All PMO equipped pistols must have back up sights that "co-witness" within the optic's field of view.

4. The following pistol lights, black in color, are approved for private purchase and use:

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- Streamlight TLR-1, TLR-6, and TLR-7 series
- Nightstick TWM-850XL and TCM-550XL
- Surefire X300 Ultra A, B and XC1-B
- Fenix GL06 and GL19R