



California Exposition and State Fair Police Department

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DEPARTMENTAL GENERAL ORDER

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PATROL RIFLES

200.301 PURPOSE

- A. This policy provides guidelines for those California Exposition and State Fair Police Officers who desire to carry their own rifle on-duty. This policy does not apply to issues related to the use of firearms that are addressed in the Use of Force and/or Use of Deadly Force (firearms) policies.

200.302 PATROL RIFLE

- A. For anticipated events, and actives posing a higher degree of possible danger, officers trained and equipped to use more powerful firearms consistent with the anticipated threat level. The Department recognizes, however, that situations arise, which require immediate access to patrol rifles in order to contain and control those events, protect citizens and protect responding officers. In recognition of this need, the intent of this policy is to authorize the deployment of rifles by trained and qualified officers.

200.303 SPECIFICATIONS

- A. The Department currently does not issue patrol rifles to officers. Officers may carry their personally owned rifles subject to the following conditions.
1. Rifles shall only be the ArmaLite (AR) 15 style, semi-automatic, capable of firing .223 caliber ammunition. Upper and lower assemblies must be of matching manufacturer (i.e., Colt lower must have a Colt upper, S&W lower must have and S&W upper).
 2. Officers shall bear all the expense of purchasing and maintaining the rifle, including any damage or loss (off or on duty).
 3. Officers shall provide their own magazines of either 20 or 30 rounds. All magazines shall be of high quality manufacture and material.
 4. Officers may equip their patrol rifles with flashlights, red dot type optics (if they allow co-witnessing), and magnification optics (no greater than 4 power and still allow use of iron sight in case of optics failure) with approval of the Range Master.
 5. Rifles shall have a minimum trigger weight of 4.5 lbs. (No aftermarket triggers maybe installed without Range Master's approval.)
 6. Officers shall obtain initial inspection and approval from the Range Master to carry their rifle.
 7. Only department-approved or issued ammunition may be carried and used.
 8. Rifles shall only be black, grey, tan (flat dark earth), brown, or green in colors.

The mission of the California Exposition & State Fair Police is to:

Provide for the safety and security of visitors, employees, and stakeholders; keep order and preserve the peace; and support the economic well-being of the California Exposition & State Fair.

9. When not in use, rifles shall be securely stored in a safe manner and location in a manner that will keep them inaccessible to children and others who should not have access (Penal Code § 25100).

200.304 RIFLE MAINTENANCE

- A. Responsibility for maintenance of personally owned patrol rifles shall fall on the officer who shall inspect and service their patrol rifle on a monthly basis,
- B. Each officer carrying a patrol rifle may be required to field strip and clean their patrol rifle as needed.
- C. Officers shall be responsible for promptly reporting any damage or malfunction to their patrol rifle if it occurs during work hours (i.e. patrol, range qualification).
- D. Any personal patrol rifle found to be unserviceable shall be removed from service until the officer repairs it and subsequently inspected by the Range Master.
- E. Each patrol rifle shall be subject to inspection by a supervisor or the Range Master at any time.
- F. After a personally owned rifle is approved by the Range Master any additional modifications must have the approval of the Range Master before carrying the modified rifle. Modifications shall be made by a gunsmith, armorer or qualified person.

200.305 PATROL RIFLE QUALIFICATIONS

- A. After completing the required P.O.S.T (California Commission on Peace Officer's Standards and Training) patrol rifle-training course, all officers who carry or use a rifle are required to qualify twice a year with their personal patrol rifle. The Department shall keep accurate records of qualifications and training as directed by the Training Coordinator. The Range Master/Training Coordinator will provide all sworn personnel with practical training designed to simulate field situations and will address liability aspects of a patrol rifle.
- B. The Range Master/Training Coordinator will maintain a list of officers qualified to carry the patrol rifle. The list will be available to the Chief of Police for verification of an officer's eligibility to carry a patrol rifle.

200.306 NON-QUALIFICATION

- A. If any officer is unable to qualify for any reason, including injury, illness, duty-status, or scheduling conflicts, that officer shall not be permitted to carry any patrol rifle during the performance of their duties, in any capacity, until they re-qualify with their patrol rifle.

200.307 AMMUNITION

The department provides ammunition for patrol rifles. The manufacturer and type of ammunition will be determined by Range Master and approved by the Chief of Police.

200.308 DEPLOYMENT

- A. All patrol rifles should be deployed with a minimum of two loaded magazines with a capacity of twenty (20) or thirty (30) rounds. The weapon will be carried in the vehicle with the magazine in the weapon and no round in the chamber. Officers carrying a patrol rifle shall visually inspect the weapon prior to their start of shift for cleanliness, proper lubrication, and the presence of a loaded magazine. The patrol rifle shall be securely locked in an electronic lock while inside the passenger compartment. Should the vehicle not be equipped with an electronic locking mechanism, the patrol rifle shall be secured out of view in the cargo area and shall be locked in a hard case. Recognizing that situations may quickly arise which require the deployment of a patrol rifle, officers shall be allowed to make the decision to deploy a patrol rifle in the field.

- B. Members may deploy the patrol rifle in any call-for-service or incidents where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some of the general guidelines for deploying the rifle may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Situations where the officer reasonably anticipates an armed encounter.
 - 2. When an officer is faced with a situation that may require an effective fire at long range of a barricaded person, suspect wearing body armor, or a suspect with a hostage.
 - 3. When authorized or requested by a supervisor.