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1020.00, Weapons Administration

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- DIR 1010.00, Use of Force

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- **Certified Instructor (CI):** A person who has successfully completed a Bureau or, when the Bureau does not have a certification process, an accredited instructor school in a weapons system and is currently designated as a weapons system instructor by the Training Division. Certified instructors may qualify members in any weapon system during a qualification range period; however, only certified instructors of a specific weapon system are authorized to instruct members who are conditionally qualified in that specific weapon system.
- **Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW):** A weapon, including Tasers, designed primarily to discharge electrical charges into a subject that will cause involuntary muscle contractions and overrides the subject's voluntary motor responses.
- **Firearm:** A weapon, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of powder.
- **Impact Munitions:** Bureau-issued munitions that are used by patrol officers and are fired from a launcher. Impact munitions are not intended to produce deadly effects, but just as with other impact weapons, they can cause serious injury or death. Although this munition is designed to be less lethal, it is not to be considered non-lethal.
- **Less Lethal Launcher:** A Bureau-issued launcher capable of delivering impact munitions. Bureau issued launchers designated as less lethal launchers will be conspicuously marked.
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- Shotgun: A Bureau-approved, 12-gauge, pump-action shotgun.

Policy:

1. This policy governs the authorization, safe management, secure storage, inspection, maintenance and issuance of Bureau-approved weapons.
2. Members are required to exercise due caution at all times while loading, unloading, and transporting firearms. Safety is paramount, and PPB shall hold its members to the strictest of standards regarding firearms safety.
3. Directive 1010.00, Use of Force, governs the use of all Bureau-issued weapons and any other weapon used in the exercise of police powers.
4. Members in probationary status and members who return from unarmed status or from extended leave are required to successfully complete firearm training and qualify for duty firearms and other service firearms before they are permitted to carry and use firearms.

Procedure:

1. Safe keeping and handling:
 - 1.1. Vehicle storage of primary and secondary firearms, shotguns, AR-15s, and less lethal launchers.
 - 1.1.1. Other than while parked in the sallyport at the Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) and lodging a prisoner, any firearms issued by the Bureau or personally owned shall not be left in any City vehicle without securing the weapon with one of the following Bureau-approved security devices: 1) locked firearm storage box secured to the vehicle; 2) chain attached to the trunk of the vehicle specifically made for securing firearms; 3) secondary trunk lock approved by the Bureau Fleet Manager; or 4) vehicle's weapon locking mount. Simply locking the firearm in the trunk of a City vehicle without a secondary lock is prohibited.
 - 1.1.2. When a weapon is secured in a vehicle, members shall lock their vehicles when the vehicle is left unattended. If a member is unable to lock the vehicle under exigent circumstances, members shall make reasonable efforts to have the vehicle locked as quickly as possible.
 - 1.1.3. If a vehicle has a weapon secured inside but is towed, parked in a service garage, or absent duty need, is left unattended for an unreasonable period of time, members shall immediately notify an on-duty supervisor, who shall ensure that the weapon is returned to the precinct armory.
 - 1.1.4. If electrical or mechanical failure renders the vehicle's weapon mounting lock inoperable, the immediate supervisor shall ensure that the vehicle is placed in the most secure facility available at the precinct and the member shall notify a morning relief supervisor in writing of the need to remove the weapon.

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- 1.1.5. The shotgun and less lethal launcher shall be secured with an approved security device in the vehicle after ensuring the action is closed on an empty chamber, safety on, if applicable.
- 1.1.6. The AR-15 shall be secured with an approved security device in the vehicle after ensuring that the weapon is in the carry condition (bolt forward on an empty chamber, loaded magazine in the magazine well and the selector in the safe position).
- 1.2. A member shall not carry a firearm if they are impaired by intoxicants to a noticeable or perceptible degree.
- 1.3. Members shall not unnecessarily brandish any firearm.
- 1.4. Members shall not store any firearm on Bureau premises, except where the place of storage is locked.
- 1.5. Members shall follow the rules and regulations of correctional facilities regarding carrying and storing of firearms.
- 1.6. Members shall exercise due care in securing and storing their weapons while off duty to prevent unauthorized access.
2. Firearms.
 - 2.1. All sworn members shall carry one Bureau-authorized primary firearm, whether in uniform or in plain-clothes assignments.
 - 2.1.1. While in uniform, members are authorized to carry:
 - 2.1.1.1. Glock 17, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.1.2. Glock 19, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.2. While in a plain-clothes assignment, members are authorized to carry:
 - 2.1.2.1. Glock 17, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.2.2. Glock 19, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.2.3. Glock 26, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.3. All Glock firearms carried on duty shall be black in color.
 - 2.1.4. The Responsibility Unit (RU) Manager may grant an exception to this firearm requirement based on investigative needs (e.g., undercover).
 - 2.1.5. Firearms shall be loaded and unloaded in the designated safe areas within each precinct or division as prescribed by the Training Division.
 - 2.2. All sworn members in a uniform assignment shall use the standard Bureau-issued holster specified by the Training Division while on duty.
 - 2.2.1. Members can submit a written request to use a personal holster to the Chief of Police through channels. If a waiver is granted, the requesting member is responsible for the purchase, repair, maintenance, and replacement of the non-issued holster. The member's RU Manager shall notify the Training Division of the waiver.
 - 2.3. Primary Firearm.
 - 2.3.1. Issuance.

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- 2.3.1.1. Primary duty firearms (Glock firearms) shall be issued to all newly-appointed sworn members.
 - 2.3.1.1.1. Members may request an authorization letter from the Training Division to purchase a firearm for duty use from an outside vendor. The letter shall comply with all state and federal requirements.
- 2.3.1.2. Sworn peace officers who serve as Portland Fire Bureau Arson Investigators may be issued a primary duty firearm upon request. All Bureau weapons qualifications requirements must be satisfied prior to issuance.
- 2.3.2. Modifications.
 - 2.3.2.1. Only certified armorers and certified firearms instructors shall modify or perform repairs on Glocks carried on duty.
 - 2.3.2.1.1. Members shall not modify or have their weapons repaired by a non-affiliated Bureau vendor.
 - 2.3.2.2. All on-duty firearms shall have the Glock-recognized standard trigger pull weight of 5.5 pounds. PPB prohibits modification of trigger pull, weight above or below this standard.
 - 2.3.2.3. Non-factory sights, such as high visibility or night-sights, are authorized at the member's expense and must be installed by a certified instructor or certified armorer. The member shall qualify with the non-factory sights prior to carrying the firearm on duty. Lasers and red dot sights (e.g., GLOCK MOS) are not authorized.
 - 2.3.2.4. Slip-on or adhesive-type grips that are of a non-permanent nature are authorized at the member's expense.
 - 2.3.2.5. Members may have the following Glock factory parts installed by a certified firearms instructor or certified armorer: extended slide stop lever, extended magazine release, and a +2 magazine floor plate.
 - 2.3.2.6. The slide, frame, or internal parts of the firearm shall not be modified in any way, except in the course of repair by a certified firearms instructor or certified armorer.
 - 2.3.2.7. Only Glock factory parts shall be used in the firearm, except as outlined in 2.3.2.3.
- 2.4. Secondary Firearm.
 - 2.4.1. Within the parameters of this policy, members may choose to carry one secondary firearm, but are not required to do so.
 - 2.4.1.1. A member may request to carry more than one secondary firearm. All requests to carry additional secondary firearms must be authorized by the Training Division.
 - 2.4.2. Any secondary firearms are subject to approval of the Chief or their authorized designee before any member of this Bureau may use or possess such firearm while on duty, unless it is of the same make and model of firearm currently issued by PPB. It shall be the responsibility of the member to submit the firearm to the certified firearms instructor designated by the Training Division for inspection prior to being carried. Thereafter, the firearm shall be subject to periodic inspection by the Training Division.
 - 2.4.3. No firearm will be carried on duty that has not been inspected by a certified firearms instructor or qualified armorer for that class of firearm, of the Training Division pursuant to Directive 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications.

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- 2.4.4. The firearm must be a double action revolver or a semi-automatic pistol. Additionally, the revolver or pistol must have a minimum capacity of at least five rounds. The revolver or pistol shall be a .38 caliber, .380 acp caliber, or 9mm parabellum.
- 2.4.5. Secondary firearms shall be carried in a holster and in a concealed manner.
- 2.4.6. No modification shall be made to any secondary firearm unless approved and inspected by a certified instructor.
- 2.4.7. The approved secondary firearm should be used only when the primary sidearm is not available or is inoperable.

3. Shotgun.

- 3.1. Only shotgun qualified members shall carry a Bureau-issued shotgun, except under exigent circumstances.
- 3.2. While on duty, members shall only use Bureau-issued shotguns.
- 3.3. When not in use, the shotgun shall be stored in a Bureau-approved armory in the following conditions: action open, safety on, and verified to have an empty chamber and unloaded magazine tube.
- 3.4. When checking out a shotgun from the armory or secure storage area, members shall conduct a function check to ensure the shotgun is working properly.
- 3.5. At the beginning of their shifts, members shall load the magazine tube of the shotgun with only 00 buckshot ammunition or only rifled slug ammunition. Members shall not have a combination of these two rounds loaded in the magazine tube. Members shall load the side saddle with spare rounds of the type not loaded in the magazine tube. If tactically feasible, members should utilize the most appropriate type of ammunition based on the totality of the circumstances.
- 3.6. At the beginning and end of shift, the shotgun shall be loaded and unloaded in the designated safe areas within each precinct or division as prescribed by the Training Division.
- 3.7. A Shotgun Issue Log (Precinct/Division Equipment) shall be maintained by the precinct to record the daily issue and check-in of shotguns. The log shall be reviewed during each shift by a supervisor.
- 3.8. Non-uniformed sworn members may check out shotguns from a precinct with the permission of a precinct supervisor.

4. AR-15.

- 4.1. Only AR-15 qualified members shall carry Bureau-issued and personally assigned AR-15s, except under exigent circumstances.
- 4.2. While on duty, members shall only use Bureau-issued AR-15s.

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- 4.3. The AR-15 shall be loaded into the carry condition and unloaded in the designated safe areas within each precinct or division as prescribed by the Training Division.
 - 4.4. When not in the carry condition, all AR-15s shall be unloaded with a yellow safety block inserted into the magazine well, the action locked open, and with the selector in the safe position.
 - 4.5. An AR-15 may be transported to a sworn member's residence the night before and night after an approved training session, with approval from the RU Manager. The AR-15 must be transported directly to and from the residence, the training site, and RU. The AR-15 shall not, under any circumstances, be left unattended in a personal vehicle. While in transit, members shall adhere to the vehicle storage procedures outlined in this directive. Members shall store the AR-15 in a lockable rifle case or a lockable gun safe while at the residence.
5. Less Lethal Weapons.
- 5.1. Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW).
 - 5.1.1. Only trained and certified members are authorized to carry a CEW. Members shall refer to 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications, for additional guidance on certification requirements.
 - 5.1.2. Certified members shall only carry Bureau-issued CEWs and cartridges.
 - 5.1.3. All members of the rank of officer and sergeant in a uniform assignment shall carry a CEW, unless waived by the overseeing Assistant Chief. All members at the rank of Lieutenant and above may carry a CEW, if preferred. For all other units, the carrying of a CEW remains at the discretion of the RU Manager.
 - 5.1.4. CEWs shall be carried in a position on the member's body such that it can be drawn with the support-hand of the member.
 - 5.1.5. Members shall exercise due care in securing and storing their CEW while off duty to prevent unauthorized access.
 - 5.2. Aerosol Restraints.
 - 5.2.1. Members shall be trained in the use of aerosol restraints prior to issuance.
 - 5.2.2. All members in a uniform assignment shall carry Bureau-issued aerosol restraints in a manner such that the tool is immediately available for use, if necessary.
 - 5.3. 40 mm Less Lethal Launchers and Munitions.
 - 5.3.1. Only members trained on and certified in Bureau-issued less lethal launchers and impact munitions are authorized to carry and use those tools in their designated capacity.
 - 5.3.2. While on duty, members shall only use Bureau-issued less lethal launchers and impact munitions.
 - 5.3.3. Members who are certified to carry the less lethal launcher and non-patrol specialty munitions may carry those munitions on patrol when authorized by the RU Manager.
 - 5.3.4. Sworn members at the rank of officer and who are certified less lethal launcher operators in uniform assignments shall carry a less lethal launcher in their patrol vehicle when their primary duty is call response.
 - 5.3.4.1. Sworn members at the rank of sergeant and above who are certified less lethal launcher operators in uniform assignments may carry a less lethal launcher.

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- 5.3.5. Less lethal launchers shall only be loaded with Bureau-issued impact munitions in a safe manner consistent with their training (i.e., not loaded until needed). Certified members are required to visually and physically inspect each specialty round during loading.
 - 5.3.6. When not deployed, the launcher shall be secured in a vehicle with an empty chamber.
 - 5.3.7. The launcher shall have two specialty munitions carried on the butt stock, and the member operator shall have a Training-approved carrier loaded with at least five additional rounds of 40 mm specialty munitions at the beginning of their shift.
 - 5.3.8. Additional 40 mm specialty munitions shall only be stored in a Training-approved carrier.
 - 5.3.9. Members who no longer wish to carry a less lethal launcher can request de-certification by routing a memorandum through channels to the Training Manager.
 - 5.3.10. All less lethal launchers and ammunition shall be removed from vehicles and stored in their respective Responsibility Unit's armory when not in use or at the end of shift.
 - 5.3.11. Specialty Munitions.
 - 5.3.11.1. Only trained and certified members are authorized to carry specialty munitions. Members shall refer to 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications, for additional guidance on certification requirements.
 - 5.3.11.2. Certified members shall only carry Bureau-issued specialty munitions.
 - 5.3.11.3. All certified members of the rank of officers and sergeants shall carry specialty munitions when authorized to do so in the performance of their duties as required by that specialty unit and/or at the discretion of the incident commander.
 - 5.3.11.4. Specialty munitions shall be stored in a safe and secure manner in the less lethal weapon's supplied carrier, if available.
 - 5.3.12. While on duty, members are responsible for securing the less lethal launcher during transport in patrol vehicles.
- 5.4. Less Lethal Impact Weapons (Batons).
 - 5.4.1. Members shall receive training on the PR-24 side-handled baton and the asp (straight expandable baton). These are the only batons that are authorized for general member use.
 - 5.4.1.1. Specialty units (e.g., RRT) shall receive training on long baton use.
 - 5.4.2. The PR-24 side-handled baton is issued to every sworn member, but shall only be used in specific tactical situations (e.g., riot or crowd control) as directed by an incident commander.
 - 5.4.3. The asp baton is issued to every sworn member. Members who choose to carry the asp baton shall do so in a manner such that the tool is immediately available to use, if necessary.
6. Specialized Weapons.
 - 6.1. The Chief may authorize, in writing, specialized firearms and ammunition for use by designated units (e.g., SERT) that are not authorized for all members. Only members assigned to these designated units, while in that assignment, may use the special firearms authorized for that unit.
 - 6.2. If a member leaves a specialized unit, it is that member's responsibility to return all specialized equipment and weapons within five working days to the unit that issued the

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equipment. The supervisor must affirmatively acknowledge that all weapons and equipment are returned by the departing member. This may be done by Bureau email copied to their respective RU Manager.

7. Ammunition.

- 7.1. Members shall only use Bureau-issued and authorized ammunition while on duty.
- 7.2. All magazines for the primary firearm shall be loaded to capacity.
 - 7.2.1. Members are required to carry at least two magazines in addition to the magazine in their primary firearm while in uniform.
 - 7.2.2. Members are required to carry at least one magazine in addition to the magazine in their primary firearm while in a plain-clothes assignment, unless exempted by their RU Manager.
- 7.3. Members shall be issued new duty ammunition at least annually.
- 7.4. The Training Division shall determine which ammunition is authorized, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.

8. Training.

- 8.1. The Training Division shall approve training and certification courses for every Bureau-issued or approved weapon. Members shall refer to 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications, for additional guidelines.

9. Weapons Cleaning and Maintenance.

- 9.1. After discharging a weapon on duty for qualifications, training, practice, or in the official course of duty, members shall clean their weapon(s) in a manner consistent with Bureau standards prior to returning to duty unless exigent circumstances exist. Supervisors shall ensure that members are provided an adequate opportunity to thoroughly clean their weapons(s) in a manner that is consistent with Training Division prescribed standards.
- 9.2. When weapons become contaminated, fouled, thoroughly wet, or dirty while on duty, members shall clean the weapon as soon as possible, or prior to the end of the shift. The Training Division shall provide gun-cleaning equipment at the Justice Center and Training Complex ranges. Precinct Commanders shall provide gun-cleaning equipment at the precinct.
- 9.3. Firearms that are the property of the Bureau shall be repaired only by a certified armorer in the repair of that specific type of firearm, or a qualified contractor retained by the Bureau.
- 9.4. Any firearm authorized by the Bureau to be carried on-duty or off-duty and found to be malfunctioning or needing service shall not be carried and shall be promptly presented to a certified armorer or the Training Division for inspection. Any firearm determined to be in need of service or repair during an inspection will be immediately removed from service. If the firearm is the member's primary duty firearm, a replacement firearm will be issued to the member until the duty firearm is rendered serviceable.

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9.5. All maintenance and repair documentation is the responsibility of the Training Division and that Division will keep on file such documentation for each firearm.

10. Responsibility, Accountability, and Control.

10.1. Members.

10.1.1. Members are responsible for maintaining individually issued weapon(s). Members shall store their weapons in a secure manner.

10.1.2. Members carrying the CEW are responsible for checking operability at the start of each shift. Members shall also perform, at a minimum, weekly spark tests to ensure weapon functionality.

10.2. Supervisors.

10.2.1. Supervisors are responsible for monitoring issuance procedures for weapons that are not assigned on an individual basis. Supervisors shall determine when members are required to carry additional weapons, such as the shotgun and less lethal launcher.

10.2.2. Supervisors are authorized to carry additional impact munitions. Impact munitions shall be stored in an approved container authorized by the Training Division.

10.2.3. Supervisors are responsible for securing all weapons (shotguns, AR-15s, less lethal weapons) for members who have been injured or are unable to return their weapon(s) to the armory.

10.3. RU Managers.

10.3.1. RU Managers are responsible for the security, inventory, storage, issuance, cleaning, maintenance, and auditing of weapons assigned to their RU. Weapons include shotguns, AR-15s, and less lethal weapons (CEWs, launchers).

10.3.1.1. RU Managers shall ensure that armories established at their units meet the minimum following requirements:

10.3.1.1.1. Maintained in accordance with Directive 60.60, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). SOPs will address storage protocols of weapons, the maintenance of a sign-in/sign-out log, and requirements of members prior to signing weapons in or out;

10.3.1.1.2. Managed by a certified armorer responsible for inventorying and servicing weapons;

10.3.1.1.3. Restricted entry to authorized members only;

10.3.1.1.4. Prohibit the storage of loaded weapons; and

10.3.1.1.5. Ensure weapons are locked when not in use.

10.3.2. Any firearm, less lethal launcher or CEW in need of reassignment shall be transferred to the Training Division and entered into the Police Bureau's inventory.

10.3.3. RU Managers are responsible for ensuring that shotguns and less lethal launchers within their RU or assigned to members within their RU are inspected, at a minimum, annually.

10.3.3.1. RU Managers shall ensure shotgun and less lethal launcher inspections include, but are not limited to, an examination of the cleanliness and proper lubrication of the weapon, a review for damage or unauthorized modifications, verification of the weapon's serial number, test firing, and assessment of the weapon's sighting.

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10.3.3.2. The Tactical Operations Division (TOD) Manager, or designee, is responsible for ensuring that specialty weapons within SERT are inspected, at a minimum, annually.

10.3.3.3. The RRT Manager, or designee, is responsible for ensuring that specialty weapons within the unit are inspected, at a minimum, annually.

10.3.4. RU Managers shall have the discretion to issue and assign less lethal weapons to any certified members in the RU.

10.3.5. RU Managers shall ensure that less lethal launchers are assigned in a manner that optimizes their continuous availability throughout their precinct for emergency deployments.

10.3.6. RU Managers shall ensure that their assigned members are provided with the opportunity to comply with the weapons cleaning and maintenance section of this directive.

10.3.7. RU Managers shall ensure that the provisions of this directive are followed within their RU. Members shall refer to Directive 1200.00, Inspections, Maintenance, Responsibility, and Authority for additional guidance.

10.4. Training Division.

10.4.1. The Training Division Manager is responsible for procuring and controlling the Bureau's inventory of all weapons, including allocations, inspections, and maintenance.

10.4.2. The Training Division shall procure, inventory, track and issue CEWs and cartridges, and less lethal launchers and munitions to other units.

10.4.3. The Training Division Manager shall approve all modifications to primary firearms, shotguns, AR-15s, and less lethal launchers. Members shall not make any modifications without written authorization from the Training Division Manager unless otherwise allowed within this directive.

10.4.4. When a weapon no longer meets Bureau requirements or serves Bureau purposes, the Training Division will dispose of the weapon in accordance with Directive 660.10, Property and Evidence Procedure.

11. Member Process to Purchase Bureau-Issued Firearms.

11.1. All firearm sales shall comply with applicable federal and state regulations.

11.2. Sworn members (who have completed background checks) may acquire certain Bureau-approved weapons from the Training Division. A retiring member with a City-issued primary firearm may purchase that firearm at the original price paid by the City, plus any applicable Federal Excise Tax (FET).

11.3. Any member, reserve officer, or arson investigator who requests to purchase a firearm upon leaving the Bureau must receive approval from PSD to check for open Internal Affairs (IA) cases. If there are no open IA cases, and PSD agrees to approve the purchase, PSD will sign off on the separation checklist allowing the member to purchase their firearm. If the member has open cases, the cases shall be reviewed on an individual basis to determine eligibility to purchase a firearm.

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- 12.1. The carrying and using of firearms by members while off duty based on their authority as law enforcement officers is permitted by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police may rescind the privilege should circumstances dictate (e.g., administrative leave, disciplinary action).
 - 12.2. Members shall carry their Bureau identification at all times when armed and in public, whether on duty or off duty.
13. Forfeit and replacement of firearms.
- 13.1. When a member's firearm is confiscated for investigative purposes, the member shall be provided a Bureau-owned firearm that is the same make, model, and caliber for temporary use.

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 - 1.1.4. If electrical or mechanical failure renders the vehicle's weapon mounting lock inoperable, the immediate supervisor shall ensure that the vehicle is placed in the most secure facility available at the precinct and the member shall notify a morning relief supervisor in writing of the need to remove the weapon.

- 1.1.5. The shotgun and less lethal ~~shotgun~~-launcher shall be secured with an approved security device in the vehicle after ensuring the action is closed on an empty chamber, safety on, if applicable.
- 1.1.6. The AR-15 shall be secured with an approved security device in the vehicle after ensuring that the weapon is in the carry condition (bolt forward on an empty chamber, loaded magazine in the magazine well and the selector in the safe position).
- 1.2. A member shall not carry a firearm if they are impaired by intoxicants to a noticeable or perceptible degree.
- 1.3. Members shall not unnecessarily brandish any firearm.
- 1.4. Members shall not store any firearm on Bureau premises, except where the place of storage is locked.
- 1.5. Members shall follow the rules and regulations of correctional facilities regarding carrying and storing of firearms.
- 1.6. Members shall exercise due care in securing and storing their weapons while off duty to prevent unauthorized access.
2. Firearms.
 - 2.1. All sworn members shall carry one Bureau-authorized primary firearm, whether in uniform or in plain-clothes assignments.
 - 2.1.1. While in uniform, members are authorized to carry:
 - 2.1.1.1. Glock 17, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.1.2. Glock 19, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.2. While in a plain-clothes assignment, members are authorized to carry:
 - 2.1.2.1. Glock 17, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.2.2. Glock 19, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.2.3. Glock 26, 9mm parabellum.
 - 2.1.3. All Glock firearms carried on duty shall be black in color.
 - 2.1.4. The Responsibility Unit (RU) Manager may grant an exception to this firearm requirement based on investigative needs (e.g., undercover).
 - 2.1.5. Firearms shall be loaded and unloaded in the designated safe areas within each precinct or division as prescribed by the Training Division.
 - 2.2. All sworn members in a uniform assignment shall use the standard Bureau-issued holster specified by the Training Division while on duty.
 - 2.2.1. Members can submit a written request to use a personal holster to the Chief of Police through channels. If a waiver is granted, the requesting member is responsible for the purchase, repair, maintenance, and replacement of the non-issued holster. The member's RU Manager shall notify the Training Division of the waiver.
 - 2.3. Primary Firearm.
 - 2.3.1. Issuance.

- 2.3.1.1. Primary duty firearms (Glock firearms) shall be issued to all newly-appointed sworn members.
 - 2.3.1.1.1. Members may request an authorization letter from the Training Division to purchase a firearm for duty use from an outside vendor. The letter shall comply with all state and federal requirements.
- 2.3.1.2. Sworn peace officers who serve as Portland Fire Bureau Arson Investigators may be issued a primary duty firearm upon request. All Bureau weapons qualifications requirements must be satisfied prior to issuance.
- 2.3.2. Modifications.
 - 2.3.2.1. Only certified armorers and certified firearms instructors shall modify or perform repairs on Glocks carried on duty.
 - 2.3.2.1.1. Members shall not modify or have their weapons repaired by a non-affiliated Bureau vendor.
 - 2.3.2.2. All on-duty firearms shall have the Glock-recognized standard trigger pull weight of 5.5 pounds. PPB prohibits modification of trigger pull, weight above or below this standard.
 - 2.3.2.3. Non-factory sights, such as high visibility or night-sights, are authorized at the member's expense and must be installed by a certified instructor or certified armorer. The member shall qualify with the non-factory sights prior to carrying the firearm on duty. Lasers and red dot sights (e.g., GLOCK MOS) are not authorized.
 - 2.3.2.4. Slip-on or adhesive-type grips that are of a non-permanent nature are authorized at the member's expense.
 - 2.3.2.5. Members may have the following Glock factory parts installed by a certified firearms instructor or certified armorer: extended slide stop lever, extended magazine release, and a +2 magazine floor plate.
 - 2.3.2.6. The slide, frame, or internal parts of the firearm shall not be modified in any way, except in the course of repair by a certified firearms instructor or certified armorer.
 - 2.3.2.7. Only Glock factory parts shall be used in the firearm, except as outlined in 2.3.2.3.
- 2.4. Secondary Firearm.
 - 2.4.1. Within the parameters of this policy, members may choose to carry one secondary firearm, but are not required to do so.
 - 2.4.1.1. A member may request to carry more than one secondary firearm. All requests to carry additional secondary firearms must be ~~submitted in writing to the Chief of Police~~ authorized by the Training Division.
 - 2.4.2. Any secondary firearms are subject to approval of the Chief or their authorized designee before any member of this Bureau may use or possess such firearm while on duty, unless it is of the same make and model of firearm currently issued by PPB. It shall be the responsibility of the member to submit the firearm to the certified firearms instructor designated by the Training Division for inspection prior to being carried. Thereafter, the firearm shall be subject to periodic inspection by the Training Division.
 - 2.4.3. No firearm will be carried on duty that has not been inspected by a certified firearms instructor or qualified armorer for that class of firearm, of the Training Division pursuant to Directive 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications.

- 2.4.4. The firearm must be a double action revolver or a semi-automatic pistol. Additionally, the revolver or pistol must have a minimum capacity of at least five rounds. The revolver or pistol shall be a .38 caliber, .380 acp caliber, or 9mm parabellum.
- 2.4.5. Secondary firearms shall be carried in a holster and in a concealed manner.
- 2.4.6. No modification shall be made to any secondary firearm unless approved and inspected by a certified instructor.
- 2.4.7. The approved secondary firearm should be used only when the primary sidearm is not available or is inoperable.

3. Shotgun.

- 3.1. Only shotgun qualified members shall carry a Bureau-issued shotgun, except under exigent circumstances.
- 3.2. While on duty, members shall only use Bureau-issued shotguns.
- 3.3. When not in use, the shotgun shall be stored in a Bureau-approved armory in the following conditions: action open, safety on, and verified to have an empty chamber and unloaded magazine tube.
- 3.4. When checking out a shotgun from the armory or secure storage area, members shall conduct a function check to ensure the shotgun is working properly.
- 3.5. At the beginning of their shifts, members shall load the magazine tube of the shotgun with only 00 buckshot ammunition or only rifled slug ammunition. Members shall not have a combination of these two rounds loaded in the magazine tube. Members shall load the side saddle with spare rounds of the type not loaded in the magazine tube. If tactically feasible, members should utilize the most appropriate type of ammunition based on the totality of the circumstances.
- 3.6. At the beginning and end of shift, the shotgun shall be loaded and unloaded in the designated safe areas within each precinct or division as prescribed by the Training Division.
- 3.7. A Shotgun Issue Log (Precinct/Division Equipment) shall be maintained by the precinct to record the daily issue and check-in of shotguns. The log shall be reviewed during each shift by a supervisor.
- 3.8. Non-uniformed sworn members may check out shotguns from a precinct with the permission of a precinct supervisor.

4. AR-15.

- 4.1. Only AR-15 qualified members shall carry Bureau-issued and personally assigned AR-15s, except under exigent circumstances.
- 4.2. While on duty, members shall only use Bureau-issued AR-15s.

~~4.3. When checking out their issued AR-15 from the armory or secure storage area, members shall conduct a function check to ensure the AR-15 is working properly.~~

4.4.4.3. The AR-15 shall be loaded into the carry condition and unloaded in the designated safe areas within each precinct or division as prescribed by the Training Division.

4.5.4.4. When not in the carry condition, all AR-15s shall be unloaded with a yellow safety block inserted into the magazine well, the action locked open, and with the selector in the safe position.

4.6.4.5. An AR-15 may be transported to a sworn member's residence the night before and night after an approved training session, with approval from the RU Manager. The AR-15 must be transported directly to and from the residence, the training site, and RU. The AR-15 shall not, under any circumstances, be left unattended in a personal vehicle. While in transit, members shall adhere to the vehicle storage procedures outlined in this directive. Members shall store the AR-15 in a lockable rifle case or a lockable gun safe while at the residence.

5. Less Lethal Weapons.

5.1. Conducted Electrical Weapon (CEW).

5.1.1. Only trained and certified members are authorized to carry a CEW. Members shall refer to 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications, for additional guidance on certification requirements.

5.1.2. Certified members shall only carry Bureau-issued CEWs and cartridges.

5.1.3. All members of the rank of officer and sergeant in a uniform assignment shall carry a CEW, unless waived by the overseeing Assistant Chief. All members at the rank of Lieutenant and above may carry a CEW, if preferred. For all other units, the carrying of a CEW remains at the discretion of the RU Manager.

5.1.4. CEWs shall be carried in a position on the member's body such that it can be drawn with the support-hand of the member.

5.1.5. Members shall exercise due care in securing and storing their CEW while off duty to prevent unauthorized access.

5.2. Aerosol Restraints.

5.2.1. Members shall be trained in the use of aerosol restraints prior to issuance.

5.2.2. All members in a uniform assignment shall carry Bureau-issued aerosol restraints in a manner such that the tool is immediately available for use, if necessary.

5.3. 40 mm Less Lethal Launchers and Munitions.

5.3.1. Only members trained on and certified in Bureau-issued less lethal launchers and impact munitions are authorized to carry and use those tools in their designated capacity.

5.3.2. While on duty, members shall only use Bureau-issued less lethal launchers and impact munitions.

5.3.3. Members who are certified to carry the less lethal launcher and non-patrol specialty munitions may carry those munitions on patrol when authorized by the RU Manager.

5.3.4. Sworn members at the rank of officer and who are certified less lethal ~~shotgun-launcher~~ operators in uniform assignments shall carry a less lethal ~~shotgun-launcher~~ in their patrol vehicle when their primary duty is call response.

5.3.4.1. Sworn members at the rank of sergeant and above who are certified less lethal ~~shotgun-launcher~~ operators in uniform assignments may carry a less lethal ~~shotgun-launcher~~.

5.3.5. Less lethal launchers shall only be loaded with Bureau-issued impact munitions ~~stored on the launcher at designated safe areas~~ in a safe manner consistent with their training (i.e., not loaded until needed). Certified members are required to visually and physically inspect each specialty round during loading.

~~Additional Guidelines for the 40 mm Less Lethal Launcher:~~

~~5.3.6. When not deployed, the 40 mm-launcher shall be secured in a vehicle with an empty chamber.~~

~~5.3.7. The launcher shall have two specialty munitions carried on the butt stock, and the member operator shall have a Training-approved carrier loaded with at least five additional rounds of 40 mm specialty munitions at the beginning of their shift.~~

~~5.3.8. Additional 40 mm specialty munitions shall only be stored in a Training-approved carrier.~~

~~5.3.9. Members who no longer wish to carry a less lethal ~~weapon-launcher~~ can request de-certification by routing a memorandum through channels to the Training Manager.~~

~~5.3.10. All less lethal launchers and ammunition shall be removed from vehicles and stored in their respective Responsibility Unit's armory when not in use or at the end of shift.~~

~~5.3.5.1.—Members of the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) and the Rapid Response Team (RRT) may be required to load less lethal munitions in unique circumstances outside of the designated safe areas; therefore, the provisions of this section do not apply to these assignments.~~

~~5.3.6.~~ 5.3.11. Specialty Munitions.

~~5.3.6.1.~~ 5.3.11.1. Only trained and certified members are authorized to carry specialty munitions. Members shall refer to 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications, for additional guidance on certification requirements.

~~5.3.6.2.~~ 5.3.11.2. Certified members shall only carry Bureau-issued specialty munitions.

~~5.3.6.3.~~ 5.3.11.3. All certified members of the rank of officers and sergeants shall carry specialty munitions when authorized to do so in the performance of their duties as required by that specialty unit and/or at the discretion of the incident commander.

~~5.3.6.4.~~ 5.3.11.4. Specialty munitions shall be stored in a safe and secure manner in the less lethal weapon's supplied carrier, if available.

~~5.3.7.~~ 5.3.12. While on duty, members are responsible for securing the less lethal launcher during transport in patrol vehicles.

~~5.3.8.—Additional Guidelines for the 12-Gauge Less Lethal Launcher:~~

~~5.3.8.1.—Members are prohibited from carrying any standard 12-gauge lethal munitions while also carrying a 12-gauge less lethal weapon.~~

~~5.3.8.2.—12-gauge launchers shall only be loaded with Bureau-issued specialty munitions, which are stored on the launcher.~~

~~5.3.8.3.—Members, other than those at the rank of sergeant and above, are not authorized to possess any additional 12-gauge specialty munitions beyond those stored on the less lethal launcher Bureau-issued side saddle carrier and/or butt stock carrier.~~

~~5.3.8.4. When not deployed, the 12-gauge less lethal launcher shall be secured in a vehicle after ensuring the action is closed on an empty chamber and the safety is on.~~

~~5.3.9.1.1.1. Additional Guidelines for the 40-mm Less Lethal Launcher.~~

~~5.3.9.1.1.1.1. When not deployed, the 40-mm launcher shall be secured in a vehicle with an empty chamber.~~

~~5.3.9.2.1.1.1.1. The launcher shall have two specialty munitions carried on the butt stock, and the member operator shall have a Training-approved carrier loaded with at least five additional rounds of 40-mm specialty munitions at the beginning of their shift.~~

~~5.3.9.3.1.1.1.1. Additional 40-mm specialty munitions shall only be stored in a Training-approved carrier.~~

~~5.3.10.1.1.1. Members who no longer wish to carry a less lethal weapon can request de-certification by routing a memorandum through channels to the Training Manager.~~

~~5.3.11.1.1.1. All less lethal launchers and ammunition shall be removed from vehicles and stored in their respective Responsibility Unit's armory when not in use or at the end of shift.~~

5.4. Less Lethal Impact Weapons (Batons).

5.4.1. Members shall receive training on the PR-24 side-handled baton and the asp (straight expandable baton). These are the only batons that are authorized for general member use.

5.4.1.1. Specialty units (e.g., ~~Mounted Patrol Unit [MPU] and~~ RRT) shall receive training on long baton use.

5.4.2. The PR-24 side-handled baton is issued to every sworn member, but shall only be used in specific tactical situations (e.g., riot or crowd control) as directed by an incident commander.

5.4.3. The asp baton is issued ~~as standard equipment to all~~ to every sworn members. ~~All sworn members in a uniform assignment of the rank of officer and sergeant (other than MPU) shall carry the asp baton in a manner such that the tool is immediately available to use, if necessary.~~ Members who choose to carry the asp baton shall do so in a manner such that the tool is immediately available to use, if necessary.

6. Specialized Weapons.

6.1. The Chief may authorize, in writing, specialized firearms and ammunition for use by designated units (e.g., SERT) that are not authorized for all members. Only members assigned to these designated units, while in that assignment, may use the special firearms authorized for that unit.

6.2. If a member leaves a specialized unit, it is that member's responsibility to return all specialized equipment and weapons within five working days to the unit that issued the equipment. The supervisor must affirmatively acknowledge that all weapons and equipment are returned by the departing member. This may be done by Bureau email copied to their respective RU Manager.

7. Ammunition.

7.1. Members shall only use Bureau-issued and authorized ammunition while on duty.

- 7.2. All magazines for the primary firearm shall be loaded to capacity.
 - 7.2.1. Members are required to carry at least two magazines in addition to the magazine in their primary firearm while in uniform.
 - 7.2.2. Members are required to carry at least one magazine in addition to the magazine in their primary firearm while in a plain-clothes assignment, unless exempted by their RU Manager.
 - 7.3. Members shall be issued new duty ammunition at least annually.
 - 7.4. The Training Division shall determine which ammunition is authorized, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police.
8. Training.
 - 8.1. The Training Division shall approve training and certification courses for every Bureau-issued or approved weapon. Members shall refer to 1021.00, Weapons Qualifications, for additional guidelines.
9. Weapons Cleaning and Maintenance.
 - 9.1. After discharging a weapon on duty for qualifications, training, practice, or in the official course of duty, members shall clean their weapons(s) in a manner consistent with Bureau standards prior to returning to duty unless exigent circumstances exist. Supervisors shall ensure that members are provided an adequate opportunity to thoroughly clean their weapons(s) in a manner that is consistent with Training Division prescribed standards.
 - 9.2. When weapons become contaminated, fouled, thoroughly wet, or dirty while on duty, members shall clean the weapon as soon as possible, or prior to the end of the shift. The Training Division shall provide gun-cleaning equipment at the Justice Center and Training Complex ranges. Precinct Commanders shall provide gun-cleaning equipment at the precinct.
 - 9.3. Firearms that are the property of the Bureau shall be repaired only by a certified armorer in the repair of that specific type of firearm, or a qualified contractor retained by the Bureau.
 - 9.4. Any firearm authorized by the Bureau to be carried on-duty or off-duty and found to be malfunctioning or needing service shall not be carried and shall be promptly presented to a certified armorer or the Training Division for inspection. Any firearm determined to be in need of service or repair during an inspection will be immediately removed from service. If the firearm is the member's primary duty firearm, a replacement firearm will be issued to the member until the duty firearm is rendered serviceable.
 - 9.5. All maintenance and repair documentation is the responsibility of the Training Division and that Division will keep on file such documentation for each firearm.
 10. Responsibility, Accountability, and Control.
 - 10.1. Members.
 - 10.1.1. Members are responsible for maintaining individually issued weapon(s). Members shall store their weapons in a secure manner.

10.1.2. Members carrying the CEW are responsible for checking operability at the start of each shift. Members shall also perform, at a minimum, weekly spark tests to ensure weapon functionality.

10.2. Supervisors.

10.2.1. Supervisors are responsible for monitoring issuance procedures for weapons that are not assigned on an individual basis. Supervisors shall determine when members are required to carry additional weapons, such as the shotgun and less lethal launcher.

10.2.2. Supervisors are authorized to carry additional impact munitions. ~~All 12-gauge impact munitions will be in original factory packaging for distribution to certified members during a specific tactical incident.~~ Impact munitions shall be stored in an approved container authorized by the Training Division.

10.2.3. Supervisors are responsible for securing all weapons (shotguns, AR-15s, less lethal weapons) for members who have been injured or are unable to return their weapon(s) to the armory.

10.3. RU Managers.

10.3.1. RU Managers are responsible for the security, inventory, storage, issuance, cleaning, maintenance, and auditing of weapons assigned to their RU. Weapons include shotguns, AR-15s, and less lethal weapons (CEWs, launchers).

10.3.1.1. RU Managers shall ensure that armories established at their units meet the minimum following requirements:

10.3.1.1.1. Maintained in accordance with Directive 60.60, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). SOPs will address storage protocols of weapons, the maintenance of a sign-in/sign-out log, and requirements of members prior to signing weapons in or out;

10.3.1.1.2. Managed by a certified armorer responsible for inventorying and servicing weapons;

10.3.1.1.3. Restricted entry to authorized members only;

10.3.1.1.4. Prohibit the storage of loaded weapons; and

10.3.1.1.5. Ensure weapons are locked when not in use.

10.3.2. Any firearm, less lethal launcher or CEW in need of reassignment shall be transferred to the Training Division and entered into the Police Bureau's inventory.

10.3.3. RU Managers are responsible for ensuring that shotguns and less lethal launchers within their RU or assigned to members within their RU are inspected, at a minimum, annually.

10.3.3.1. RU Managers shall ensure shotgun and less lethal launcher inspections include, but are not limited to, an examination of the cleanliness and proper lubrication of the weapon, a review for damage or unauthorized modifications, verification of the weapon's serial number, test firing, and assessment of the weapon's sighting.

10.3.3.2. The Tactical Operations Division (TOD) Manager, or designee, is responsible for ensuring that specialty weapons within SERT are inspected, at a minimum, annually.

10.3.3.3. The RRT Manager, or designee, is responsible for ensuring that specialty weapons within the unit are inspected, at a minimum, annually.

10.3.4. RU Managers shall have the discretion to issue and assign less lethal weapons to any certified members in the RU.

- 10.3.5. RU Managers shall ensure that less lethal launchers are assigned in a manner that optimizes their continuous availability throughout their precinct for emergency deployments.
- 10.3.6. RU Managers shall ensure that their assigned members are provided with the opportunity to comply with the weapons cleaning and maintenance section of this directive.
- 10.3.7. RU Managers shall ensure that the provisions of this directive are followed within their RU. Members shall refer to Directive 1200.00, Inspections, Maintenance, Responsibility, and Authority for additional guidance.

10.4. Training Division.

- 10.4.1. The Training Division Manager is responsible for procuring and controlling the Bureau's inventory of all weapons, including allocations, inspections, and maintenance.
- 10.4.2. The Training Division shall procure, inventory, track and issue CEWs and cartridges, and less lethal launchers and munitions to other units.
- 10.4.3. The Training Division Manager shall approve all modifications to primary firearms, shotguns, AR-15s, and less lethal launchers. Members shall not make any modifications without written authorization from the Training Division Manager unless otherwise allowed within this directive.
- 10.4.4. ~~The Training Division Manager shall evaluate completed less lethal munitions database reports.~~ When a weapon no longer meets Bureau requirements or serves Bureau purposes, the Training Division will dispose of the weapon in accordance with Directive 660.10, Property and Evidence Procedure.

11. Member Process to Purchase Bureau-Issued Firearms.

- 11.1. All firearm sales shall comply with applicable federal and state regulations.
- 11.2. Sworn members (who have completed background checks) may acquire certain Bureau-approved weapons from the Training Division. A retiring member with a City-issued primary firearm may purchase that firearm at the original price paid by the City, plus any applicable Federal Excise Tax (FET).
- 11.3. Any member, reserve officer, or arson investigator who requests to purchase a firearm upon leaving the Bureau must receive approval from PSD to check for open Internal Affairs (IA) cases. If there are no open IA cases, and PSD agrees to approve the purchase, PSD will sign off on the separation checklist allowing the member to purchase their firearm. If the member has open cases, the cases shall be reviewed on an individual basis to determine eligibility to purchase a firearm.

12. Off duty firearms.

- 12.1. The carrying and using of firearms by members while off duty based on their authority as law enforcement officers is permitted by the Chief of Police. The Chief of Police may rescind the privilege should circumstances dictate (e.g., administrative leave, disciplinary action).
- 12.2. Members shall carry their Bureau identification at all times when armed and in public, whether on duty or off duty.

13. Forfeit and replacement of firearms.

- 13.1. When a member's firearm is confiscated for investigative purposes, the member shall be provided a Bureau-owned firearm that is the same make, model, and caliber for temporary use.

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COMMENTS ON FORCE, REPORTING, WEAPONS AND VEHICLE RELATED DIRECTIVES, MARCH 2018

To Chief Outlaw, Capt. Bell, Lieutenant Morgan, PPB Policy Analysts, Compliance Officer/Community Liaison Team, Community Oversight Advisory Board staff, US Dept. of Justice, Citizen Review Committee and the Portland Police Bureau:

Below are our comments on the Directives posted for review on March 1 . We discovered them on the PPB website on March 9 and asked the Bureau whether a formal email had gone out to the community asking for input. The information was finally sent out on March 23. While the Bureau has signalled its intention (in Directive 010.00) to change the review timelines so there are 15 days for first reviews and 30 days for second reviews, PCW continues to think there should be longer timelines, especially for complex policies such as Use of Force (1010.00).

Of the seven policies up for review, we previously commented on five in July 2017, one (630.60-Vehicle Disposition) in October 2014, and one (630.05-Vehicle Interventions and Pursuits) in August 2015. With the exception of 630.05, most of these comments are repeats of ones we made previously that the Bureau has chosen to reject or ignore. As noted last year, our primary concern with 1010.00 is that it defines de-escalation both as lowering tension at a scene and using less force on a suspect. We also noted that the key promise made by the presence of the US Department of Justice around deadly force incidents-- that they should not be treated differently from other uses of force-- seems to have gone out the window. This was codified by the changes made to 1010.10 through City Council, wherein offices involved in the death of a civilian are not being required to write force reports until after a criminal investigation has ended, and if their gunfire did not result in death the Bureau is leaving such reporting up to the discretion of supervisors. As we noted last year, this is no way to build trust in the community or hold officers accountable.

We point you once again to comments we made on 1010.00 Force (and 1051.00 Taser Use) in October, 2012: .

We continue to urge the Bureau to number all of the sections of the Directives, such as the Definitions, Policy and Procedure sections (our comments here refer to the Procedure section unless otherwise noted). Interestingly, 630.60 includes just such a numbering scheme even though there are no definitions in Section 2; this shows that the Bureau was numbering the Definitions in 2014 but stopped without explanation.

DIRECTIVE 1020.00 FIREARMS ADMINISTRATION

While there are various items in Directive 1020.00 which implicitly or explicitly are included for safety reasons, the Bureau seems to consistently ignore rule #1 of gun safety: Never point a weapon at anyone unless you're prepared to shoot them. As with the previous draft, Policy Section 2 is therefore disingenuous when it states that "safety is paramount and the PPB shall hold its members to the strictest of standards regarding weapon safety." To put this in context, officers pointed their firearms at people 430 times in 2017,*-3 or more than one time every single day. Were there really 430 times that there was a substantial risk of injury or death to officers or community members? Section 1.3 says "Members shall not unnecessarily brandish any firearm." (We still find it disconcerting that the caveat in Section 1.2 says members should not carry a firearm "if they impaired by intoxicants to a noticeable or perceptible degree.")

Directive 1020.00 Feedback

Regarding exceptions to officers carrying firearms, Supervisors are only given the ability to waive firearm requirements "based on investigative needs" (Section 2.1.4). It should also be able to be based on the rules of a psychiatric/medical facility, and/or if the officer is attending a community meeting where the firearm might be seen as threatening.

It's of concern that Section 9.1 calls on officers to clean their weapons after discharging them in the official course of duty. It seems that should not happen until after a forensics team has examined it for the criminal and administrative investigations.

The section on Tasers has a wise provision for officers to carry the electroshock weapons on their "support-hand" side (5.1.4), but perhaps it should more specifically say on the opposite side from a firearm.

Significantly, Section 10.1 from the previous version of 1020.00, which required officers to document firearm use in an appropriate police report before going off shift, is no longer in this policy (also see our general comments on 1010.00, and previous comments on 1010.10).

We note here that Section 5.4 still refers to the Mounted Patrol Unit which, thankfully for the horses and for our fellow Portlanders who've been terrorized by them, has been disbanded.

Footnote (1020)

*3- up from 359 in 2016

CONCLUSION

As we have stated before, Portland Copwatch appreciates the Bureau reaching out to the community for comment, but are looking forward to more of an open dialogue when the Portland Committee on Community Engaged Policing gets underway (if ever). We continue to urge the Bureau to be open to revising its timelines for review to ensure meaningful public input can take place. One of the only reasons we were able to tackle these rather long Directives is that we had made comments on them earlier. Our commentary would be much shorter if we could just be thanking the Bureau for adopting our advice, but such changes are few and far between.

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