

**TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL**

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SECTION 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the type of weapons employed by officers of the Department as well as the ammunition approved for use in each weapon.

SECTION 2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Department that only approved weapons and approved ammunition will be employed by officers after receiving the appropriate training with the specific type of weapon.

SECTION 3 PROCEDURES

A. HANDGUNS

All officers are issued the Glock Model 22, 23 or 27 .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol. This is the only handgun approved for on-duty use.

1. Each officer is issued .40 caliber ammunition, which has been approved for on-duty use. Officers will not carry any other ammunition for on-duty use.
2. Officers who wish to carry a second, or backup, handgun while on duty must make a written request to the Chief of Police stating the make, caliber, and serial number of the handgun. Backup handguns shall be no smaller than .25 caliber and no larger than .45 caliber. Officers will be required to qualify with the handgun before permission will be granted to carry it as a backup.

B. LESS LETHAL WEAPONS

1. Officers are authorized to carry the below listed weapons. Prior to carrying these weapons the officers will be properly trained and certified with each.
 - a. Expandable Baton (ASP Baton)
 - b. OC Spray

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- c. JPX Cobra 450 Pepper Gun
- d. Less Lethal 12 Gauge shotgun with orange stock and fore-end. Only department approved less lethal ammunition will be used. Officers will not carry any other ammunition for on-duty use.

NO OTHER 12 GAUGE AMMUNITION IS ALLOWED IN THE PATROL UNIT AT ANY TIME.

C. APPROVED PATROL RIFLES

1. The Department issues patrol rifles for on duty use, which must be .223 caliber, of legal length, and configured in semi-automatic operation. Fully-automatic weapons are not permitted except as employed by the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit. After the appropriate training, officers may utilize the patrol rifle.
2. The maximum magazine capacity is 30 rounds for the patrol rifle.
3. Patrol rifles may not be equipped with sniper or hunting style optics which magnify. However they may be equipped with non-magnifying tactical if employed by the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit.
4. SWAT members utilizing an approved electronic sighting system must complete a qualification course as outlined in this section prior to carrying the weapon on duty while utilizing the electronic sight.

D. PATROL RIFLE AMMUNITION

Officers who carry a patrol rifle must carry department approved ammunition in the rifle. Department approved ammunition will be factory loaded .223 caliber rounds. Reloaded ammunition and/or full metal jacketed ammunition will be provided by the Department for training only. Tracer, explosive, incendiary, and armor-piercing ammunition are not permitted

E. SWAT WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

Only department approved weapons and ammunition will be employed by the SWAT Team as specified in Directive 8.06.1, Emergency Response Team Equipment.

F. PROHIBITED WEAPONS

Officers shall not arm themselves with personally owned handguns, rifles, shotguns, machine guns, tear gas guns, or any other weapons while on duty unless so ordered by their division commander and then only with the expressed permission of the Chief of Police.

G. RESPONSIBILITY

1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.

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2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.