

**CITY OF OCONOMOWOC POLICE DEPARTMENT
POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

DATE: September 7, 2020

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March 30, 1998

SUBJECT: Authorized Firearms and Training

POLICY NUMBER: 98-071

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide officers with direction regarding the use, maintenance and safety of agency-authorized firearms and the qualification requirements related to them.

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Oconomowoc Police Department that officers shall adhere to the requirements established herein to ensure the safe handling and use of firearms.

III. DEFINITIONS

A. Authorized Firearm

Any make, model, or caliber of firearm that meets this agency's designated requirements and specifications, and has formally been approved by the department and found in this policy. This includes handguns, shotguns and long rifles as designated for on duty use by the department.

B. Primary Firearm

The firearm authorized by the department, that the officer has trained and qualified with for on-duty service.

C. Retention Holster

A level three retention holster is the required threat level for on-duty patrol.

IV. AUTHORIZED PRIMARY FIREARMS

A 9mm, 40 or 45 caliber, double action, semi automatic pistol, manufactured by Glock or Smith & Wesson, with either a blued or stainless finish.

V. AUTHORIZED SQUAD FIREARMS

- A. All patrol units shall be equipped with a Remington 1187 shotgun and a Colt AR-15, which shall be in a secure rack in the passenger compartment of the vehicle.
- B. Both the shotgun and AR-15 shall be kept squad ready, and checked at the beginning of the officer's shift.
- C. The chief and detectives' squads will be equipped with a cased, squad ready Remington 870 shotgun in the trunk.

VI. OFF-DUTY CARRY

- A. Officers are not required to carry a firearm when off duty, and do so at their own discretion.
- B. Officers who elect to carry a firearm off duty are required to carry their badge and department identification.

- C. Officers who elect to carry a firearm off duty are required to have the firearm secured in a holster.
- D. Officers shall not use or consume any intoxicants or controlled substances, while having a firearm on their person.
- E. Officers are encouraged to train and remain proficient with any other firearms they elect to carry off duty.

VII. FIREARM SAFETY

Officers shall be responsible for the safe storage of their primary firearm and any other personally owned firearms when not in their personal possession.

VIII. FIREARMS GENERAL PROCEDURES

- A. Primary firearms shall be inspected, registered and qualification completed prior to use.
 - 1. The Firearms Supervisor shall retain such records.
- B. Further review and inspection shall take place whenever the firearm is discharged in non-training or in a use of deadly force encounter.
 - 1. This does not include the euthanizing of animals.
- C. Primary firearms will be maintained in a clean and safe operating condition, and are subject to periodical inspection by the Firearm Supervisor.

IX. TYPES AND SPECIFICATIONS OF AMMUNITION

- A. The department shall determine the type of ammunition authorized for on-duty use.
- B. Only authorized ammunition shall be used by officers, while on duty.
- C. Ammunition for training, qualification, and on-duty use will be provided by the department.
- D. The use of department ammunition is solely intended for authorized training and on-duty use.
- E. Duty ammunition will be replaced bi-annually.

X. FIREARM MOUNTED FLASHLIGHTS

- A. The use of a firearm mounted flashlight is authorized, when the officer believes there is the potential for an imminent threat of death or great bodily harm.
- B. The flashlights shall remain on the firearm, in a department-approved holster, unless removed for the maintenance or cleaning of the firearm or flashlight.
- C. Prior to using a firearm-mounted flashlight, officers must complete department-approved training on an annual basis.

XI. FIREARMS TRAINING

- A. Officers must demonstrate proficiency by qualifying with their primary firearm, shotgun and AR- 15.
 - 1. Firearms qualification will be on an annual basis.
 - 2. Additional firearms training will be as determined by the department.

- B. Officers are required to show proficiency with firearms by displaying proper safety, handling, verbalization and marksmanship skills.
- C. Officers who fail to qualify will receive remedial training and re-fire the course.
- D. Scheduled firearms training is an assigned duty, and unless previously approved, officers are responsible for their scheduled date and time.
- E. Only range instructors and officers scheduled to shoot are allowed at the range.
- F. The Firearms Supervisor will be responsible for:
 - 1. Instructing and testing the officer's knowledge of the use of force.
 - 2. Establish annual firearm's qualification including registration and inspection of all firearms authorized by the department.
 - 3. Establish additional firearms training programs.
 - 4. Establish firearms training and qualification courses, which are an accurate and comprehensive test of the officers' skill involving the safe handling and proficient use of firearms.
 - a. The lesson plan and schedule will be submitted prior to the scheduled training.
 - 5. Maintain records of firearms training and qualification of officers for all authorized firearms.
 - 6. The supervision of officers attending firearms training.
 - a. The range instructor's authority supersedes rank for the safety of all present.
 - b. Unsafe conduct and practices will be considered grounds for discipline, and shall be reported immediately to the range supervisor.
 - 1) The range supervisor is responsible for reporting such events to the Chief of Police.

XII. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY MAY BE AUTHORIZED ONLY BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The implementation of this revised policy (98-071)
will result in policies 97-078 and 99-063 being rescinded