STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
GENERAL ORDER

PATROL RIFLE

SUBJECT

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I. POLICY

The Patrol Rifle will be deployed from its mounting system in the field if there is a potentially life-threatening circumstance present. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, active shooter incidents, credible reports of armed suspects, and incidents where deadly force would be justified in accordance with General Order Q-1.

II. WEAPONS SPECIFICATIONS

The Patrol Rifle is an air-cooled, gas-operated, magazine-fed, semi-automatic weapon that is chambered for the 5.56 mm (.223 Remington) caliber cartridge. The sighting system for the Patrol Rifle is an approved adjustable red dot reflex sight system, co-witnessed by a mechanical iron peep sight system.

III. PROCEDURES

A. Ammunition

1. All ammunition for the Rifle will be individually assigned by the Stockton Police Department Rangemaster.

2. Each Patrol Rifle will have two (2) magazines, each containing thirty rounds.

3. Magazines will be approved and issued by the Range Master.

B. Storage of the Patrol Rifle

1. It is the individual’s responsibility to remove the Patrol Rifle from the vehicle after the end of every shift. The Patrol Rifle will not be allowed to remain in the vehicle.

2. Patrol Rifles assigned to the Main Police Facility will be stored in the secured storage area in the equipment room, in the department member’s locker, and in compliance with the law while off-duty (refer to Section C below).

3. Patrol Rifles are positioned in the vehicle in the same manner as the shotgun with the Rifle in the passenger side gun lock. The Electronic and key release system operates both weapons.

4. Rifles will not have a round chambered unless actively deployed during an incident.

5. The Rifle will be returned to the secured storage area, or locker unloaded with the bolt home, fire selector in the safe position, magazine removed, and dust cover closed. Officers storing Patrol Rifles in their locker will ensure that the locker is locked.

6. Maintenance records for the Patrol Rifles shall be maintained by the department Rangemaster.

C. Off-Duty Patrol Rifle Storage
1. Officers will have the option of storing their assigned Patrol Rifles in their lockers or taking them home. In either case, Patrol Rifles will be unloaded with no magazine inserted when stored or transported.

2. California Penal Code section 30945, subdivision (g) provides that registered assault weapons may be transported only between specified locations and must be unloaded and stored in a locked container when transported.

3. Officers who wish to have an assigned rifle and complete the required training will have a rifle assigned to them. The serial number will be kept on file with the Range Master.

4. Officers transporting their assigned Patrol Rifle to and from work will transport it: unloaded without a magazine inserted, in a locked case, and will be stored in a safe manner and location.

5. Officers shall store Patrol Rifles in compliance with the law while off-duty, including Penal Codes 25100 (criminal storage of a firearm) and 25610 (transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle). Officers who transport their assigned Patrol Rifle home will store and secure it properly in their residence per the Penal Code.

D. Issuance of Weapon

1. Only sworn personnel who have been assigned a Patrol Rifle by the department Rangemaster and have received formal training shall be authorized to deploy the Rifle.

2. Sworn personnel shall be responsible for electronically checking out the Patrol Rifle through Revolution, located in the secure storage area.

3. Sworn personnel will be issued two thirty-round magazines by the department Rangemaster.

4. Sworn personnel will log the serial number or carbine number of the weapon into their unit history.

5. It is the responsibility of the sworn personnel to ensure that the weapon is rendered safe before storage or transportation.

E. Pre-Service Inspection

1. Personnel checking out a Patrol Rifle from storage will remove any magazine from the weapon.

   (a) Retract the bolt and ensure that no round is chambered.

   (b) Perform a function check.

      (1) Release the bolt back into battery and pull the trigger while the fire selector lever is in the safe position. Nothing should happen.

      (2) Put the selector lever on “semi” and pull the trigger and hold it to the rear. The hammer should fire.

      (3) Pull the charging handle to the rear and release it again.

      (4) Slowly release the trigger, and you should hear the sear reset.

      (5) Move the fire selector lever back to “safe” and close the dust cover.

   (d) Insert the magazine into the weapon and place it into the gun mounting system provided.

F. Post-Deployment Procedure

1. Personnel who have chambered a round in the weapon during a deployment where the weapon was not discharged shall:
(a) Remove the magazine.
(b) Retract the bolt and remove the chambered round.
(c) Release the bolt back into battery and put the fire selector on “safe”. There is no need to, nor should personnel squeeze the trigger.
(d) Replace the round in the magazine and insert the magazine back into the weapon.
(e) Place the weapon back into the gun mounting system.
(f) Report the method of deployment in the form of a daily unit entry or applicable police report.

2. Any personnel discharging the weapon shall adhere to the applicable existing policy.

G. Service and Cleaning

1. Personnel shall only clean the bolt assembly, barrel, and receiver areas at the range during normal hours.

2. The department Rangemaster is responsible for the following:
   (a) Maintenance of all Patrol Rifles.
   (b) Maintenance of Patrol Rifle service records.

H. Range Qualification

1. Sworn personnel below the rank of Sergeant shall qualify with the Patrol Rifle every first and third quarter of the calendar year. Sergeants will qualify with the Patrol Rifle if they choose to have a rifle assigned to them.

2. The Patrol Rifle Qualification Course is as follows:
   (a) 50-yard line: 20 rounds as follows:
      (1) 5 rounds from standing strong side barricade.
      (2) 5 rounds from a supported kneeling position.
      (3) 5 rounds from a supported seated position.
      (4) 5 rounds from a prone position.
   (b) 25-yard line: 10 rounds as follows:
      (1) 5 rounds unsupported standing position.
      (2) 5 rounds unsupported kneeling position.
   (c) Target will be the department-approved qualification target.
   (d) Minimum passing score is (27) hits in the scoring area.