

**STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**GENERAL ORDER**

**HANDGUNS**  
**SUBJECT**

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**TO:** ALL PERSONNEL

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**I. POLICY**

- A. It shall be the policy of the Stockton Police Department that handguns used by sworn personnel in the performance of their duties be maintained in proper working order.
1. Stockton Police Department sworn personnel shall properly maintain their weapons. Refer to section II.D., of this General Order for addition information.
  2. There are three forms of authorized weapons:
    - a. Department issued
    - b. Optional Duty Weapon
    - c. Secondary / Backup Weapon
- B. The Rangemaster will inspect firearms and document such inspection in a running log, which shall minimally include the following.
1. Date
  2. Problem / action taken
  3. Trigger pull weight (for both Double Action and Single Action), average of 5 trigger pulls
  4. Armorer's name
- C. Sworn personnel of the Stockton Police Department are authorized to carry an Optional and Secondary / Backup weapon while on duty, provided they adhere to the standards outlined in this order. Refer to sections II.A.2 and II.A.3, for details.

**II. PROCEDURE**

- A. Weapons Specifications (Primary and Optional Duty Weapons)
1. Primary Weapon (Issued by the Stockton Police Department and required for use by patrol personnel). Sworn personnel may purchase and carry their own weapon of the same listed model.  
  
Brand: Glock Model 45  
Caliber: 9mm  
Sights: Ameriglo Bold Night Sights  
Grips: Factory or approved replacements
  2. Optional Duty Weapons (not Department-issued, personally purchased).  
Only personnel working Plain Clothes, Light Duty, and Administrative assignments may carry an Optional Duty Weapon. Optional Duty Weapons are NOT authorized for use by personnel working in a patrol capacity. Optional Duty Weapons shall be 9mm, black in color, and a generally accepted law enforcement make/model.

Semi-automatic pistol examples include:

- a. Sig Sauer:
  1. P365
  2. P320
- b. Glock
  1. G19
  2. G26
- c. Smith & Wesson
  1. M&P9
  2. M&P9c
  3. M&P Shield 9
- d. Other Makes/Models may be allowed but must first be approved by the Department Range Master.
- e. Only factory magazines will be used for authorized Optional Weapons. The use of non-factory aftermarket magazines is prohibited.
- f. Laser sighting systems are not authorized for use on any authorized optional weapon.

B. Secondary Weapon / Backup Weapon Specifications

1. Types of Secondary / Backup Weapons

- a. The Secondary/Backup Weapons shall be chambered in a caliber of at least .380 ACP and a maximum of .40 caliber. Weapons not meeting this criterion are prohibited.
  - i. Acceptable Secondary/Backup Weapon calibers are .38 S&W, .380 Auto, 9mm, or .40 S&W.
- b. Weapons with a single action only hammer fired mechanism are prohibited.
- c. All secondary / back up weapons must be inspected and approved by the Department Rangemaster. The weapon's make, serial number, type, and caliber will be filed with the Department Range Master and the Personnel and Training Section.
- d. The secondary / back up weapon is not to be utilized as a primary weapon. Officers should not conduct felony traffic stops or building searches while using their secondary / back up weapon in lieu of their Primary Duty Weapon. Exceptions would be if you are in an assignment that allows you to carry an alternate weapon.
- e. Any modifications made to authorized Optional Duty Weapons and/or Secondary/Backup Weapons, will be approved by the Department Range Master, and will be performed by Department personnel holding a current Armorer certification for the applicable make and model of firearm.
  - i. For those instances in which the Department lacks personnel holding a current Armorer certification for the applicable make and model of firearm, personnel must have their Secondary/Backup Weapon serviced or modified by a qualified gunsmith or by the weapon's manufacturer.
- f. Only factory magazines will be used for Secondary/Backup Weapons. The use of non-factory aftermarket magazines is prohibited.

C. Handgun Ammunition Specifications

1. Authorized ammunition will be the current type purchased/issued by the Stockton Police Department.
  - a. Duty ammunition in 9mm caliber will be provided for use by sworn personnel. Ammunition in calibers other than 9mm must be purchased by sworn personnel.
  - b. All ammunition used by sworn personnel in the performance of their duties shall be of a hollow point design, unless exigent circumstances exist. Any use of ammunition in a weapon used by sworn personnel of the Stockton Police Department that does not contain a hollow point projectile shall be approved by the Range Master prior to its use.

D. Maintenance, Inspection, and Modification of Handguns and Related Equipment

1. Inspection and maintenance.
  - a. All handguns authorized for on-duty use, whether Department issued or personally purchased, are required to be submitted to the Department Range Master for an inspection and any applicable maintenance annually, except the certain assignments that require more frequent handgun inspection/maintenance as described below:
    - i. Semi-annually
      - a) Traffic Officers assigned to Motor Detail
      - b) Bicycle Patrol Officers
      - c) Mounted Unit Officers
    - ii. Quarterly
      - a) Officers assigned to Special Investigations who carry their firearms in a concealable holster next to their skin must have these firearms inspected quarterly.

All inspections, servicing, and maintenance will be performed by the Rangemaster or Department personnel who possess current Armorer certifications for the make and model of firearm in question, and in accordance with the servicing interval set forth by the manufacturer.

For those instances in which the Department lacks personnel holding a current Armorer certification for the applicable make and model of firearm, personnel must have their weapon serviced or modified by a qualified gunsmith or by the weapon's manufacturer.

- b. A weapon in need of repair or a weapon that does not function properly will be turned over to the Department Range Master for repair.
    - i. The Department Range Master will maintain an inventory of spare parts for Department issued handguns and Authorized Optional Weapons (see Section II.A. 2, above)
    - ii. The Watch Commander and Department Range Master will keep spare Department issued service weapons.
2. Modification
    - a. Any modifications made to Duty Weapons and/or Secondary/Backup Weapons will be approved by the Department Range Master, and will be performed by Department personnel holding a current factory Armorer certification for the applicable make and mode of firearm.
      - i. For those instances in which the Department lacks personnel holding a current Armorer certification for the applicable make and model of

firearm, personnel must have their weapon serviced or modified by a qualified gunsmith or by the weapons' manufacturer.

3. Qualification

- a. Sworn personnel must successfully complete the quarterly Department Firearms Qualification with all weapon(s) carried for use in the performance of their duties (Department issued weapon, and/or Optional Duty Weapon, and Secondary/Backup Weapon).
- b. In addition to the Department Firearms Qualification, all sworn personnel who carry and Authorized Optional weapon and/or a Secondary/Backup weapon will demonstrate their ability to operate and function said weapon to minimally include.
  - i. Proper administrative loading and unloading
  - ii. Proper emergency reloading
  - iii. Proper tactical reloading
  - iv. Malfunction clearance drills
  - v. End-user disassembly and assembly

E. Method of Carry

- 1. Primary duty holsters for uniformed patrol personnel shall be a make and model designed for the weapon carried and approved by the Department Range Master. The Department Rangemaster will keep a list of current holsters.
  - a. Holsters will be issued by the Personnel Section and are only authorized for use after sworn personnel have successfully completed required Departmental training in the specific model of holster's use.
    - i. Approved holsters capable of accepting a handgun with weapon-light attached are authorized for use only after sworn personnel have attended required Department low light handgun training.
- 2. Holster Requirements for Sworn Personnel in a Non-Patrol Capacity (Plain Clothes, Light Duty, and Administrative Personnel)
  - a. Department issue and Optional Duty firearms purchased and authorized for use by sworn personnel working in a non-patrol capacity shall be concealed from the public while worn in the field during the performance of their duties, unless doing so is unnecessary (i.e. sworn personnel working in an administrative capacity and wearing a uniform; investigatory personnel while conducting an investigation in an established crime scene which is being protected by uniformed personnel, etc.).
  - b. Department issue and Optional Duty firearms purchased by sworn personnel for use in a non-uniformed capacity shall be carried in a holster approved for use by the Department Range Master.
  - c. Holsters used shall meet the following requirements
    - i. Worn on the primary weapon side.
    - ii. Cover the trigger guard.
    - iii. Be designed specifically for the make and model of weapon to be used so as to ensure proper fit.\*
    - iv. Allow one-handed drawing and re-holstering of the weapon by the user (holsters of lightweight material that collapse upon drawing the weapon are prohibited).
    - v. The holster must allow for upward pressure on any exposed portion of the muzzle, which could result in the handgun being ejected. If the muzzle extends beyond the bottom of the holster, it must have a

thumb-break, strap, or other retention device.

- vi. The holster must secure the handgun with at least one retention device in the form of a strap, thumb-break, finger break, tension screw, or other method that retains the weapon via a physical block or by placing passive pressure on the weapon.

\*For instances in which sworn personnel have successfully completed the required Department training and are authorized to use a weapon-light attached to their authorized optional weapon, their holster must be designed specifically for the specific weapon with weapon-light attached.

- d. Sworn personnel are required to train and qualify with the holster and related equipment normally used in the performance of their assigned duty, including a cover garment which conceals the handgun, during Departmental Firearms Qualifications.

### 3. Holster Requirements for Secondary / Backup Weapons

- a. Each Secondary/Backup Weapon shall be carried concealed in an approved holster, in such a manner that it cannot be readily dislodged, dropped, or lost. A Secondary/Backup Weapon will not be carried loosely in a pocket or tucked loosely in the waistband.
- b. Secondary/Backup Weapon holsters will be inspected and approved by the Department Range Master before use.

## F. Support Equipment

- 1. Sworn personnel who are performing duties in a non-patrol capacity (Plain Clothes, Light Duty, and Administrative Personnel) while in the performance of their duties, shall possess a minimum of one spare magazine loaded with appropriate defensive ammunition (see section II.C., above).
- 2. Sworn personnel are authorized to mount weapon-lights to their handgun after successful completion of required Departmental training. The weapon-light must be approved by the Department Range Master.
  - a. Sworn personnel are required to purchase authorized weaponlights and batteries at their own expense.

## G. Prohibited Optional Duty and Secondary / Backup Weapon

- 1. The following type of Optional Duty and Secondary/Backup weapons are prohibited from use by Stockton Police Officers:
  - a. Unlawful firearms of any type.
  - b. Non-issue rifles and shotguns.
  - c. Non-handgun type weapons not approved and/or issued by the Department.

**THESE RESTRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO DEPARTMENT APPROVED SWAT WEAPONS.**