

BEAVERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

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SUBJECT: AUTHORIZED FIREARM, CARBINE RIFLE
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1. AUTHORIZED PATROL CARBINE RIFLE. Authorized Patrol Carbine rifles shall be the Heckler and Koch MP-5 and MP-5/40 SF carbine rifle and have two magazines with a minimum capacity of twenty-five (25) rounds each of ammunition. All patrol carbine rifles shall be loaded and unloaded in a safe inconspicuous manner. Any patrol carbine rifle in the possession of an officer will be secured at all times. When the carbine rifle is in a patrol unit, the operator is responsible for assuring that the weapon is secured in the locked gun rack or if applicable, cased in the trunk of the unit.

2. PATROL CARBINE RIFLE ISSUANCE AND INSPECTION. Patrol Carbine rifles will be available only to officers successfully completing the basic MP-5 operator course on a check out basis only. Upon being issued a patrol carbine rifle at the start of the shift, each officer shall inspect it to ensure that it is loaded, clean and in proper working order. An inspection of the patrol carbine rifle shall be conducted by using the following guidelines:
 - A. The patrol carbine rifle will be inspected outside of any vehicle and building with the magazine removed. The action will be open with no ammunition chambered.
 - B. The patrol carbine rifle will be checked for cleanliness and proper functioning.
 - C. A functions check will be done in the following manner:
 1. **VISUALLY AND PHYSICALLY INSPECT TO ENSURE THAT IT IS UNLOADED.**
 2. Muzzle in a safe direction.
 3. Working parts forward-action closed.
 4. Check safety.

5. Switch to fire position.
 6. Pull trigger, hold trigger and cock the carbine rifle.
 7. Let trigger forward, you should hear a slight click.
- D. If there is a function problem with the patrol carbine rifle or it needs cleaning it will be returned to the officer in charge along with a written explanation of the problem. The officer in charge will then issue the officer another carbine rifle if one is available. The officer in charge will then forward the information on the malfunction to the department armorer. The armorer will ensure the carbine rifle is repaired or cleaned before it is returned to service.
- E. After checking the carbine rifle and prior to going into service, the officer will perform an administrative load of the carbine rifle and verify that it is patrol car ready (bolt locked to the rear, chamber empty, magazine locked into the magazine well and selector set on safe). The carbine rifle will then be locked in the patrol unit's locking gun rack or cased in the trunk.
- F. Prior to the officer going off-duty, the carbine rifle will be unloaded outside the patrol car or building. Officers carrying the carbine rifle will ensure that the muzzle is always pointed in a safe direction. The carbine rifle will then be checked back in with the on-duty supervisor or their designee.
3. **DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS.** The purpose of the carbine rifle is to provide officers maximum tactical advantage by firepower superiority, distance and accuracy. It is not intended to replace the tactical expertise and ability of qualified Tactical Negotiations Team (TNT) personnel.
- A. The MP-5 may be deployed when the tactical situation may require it or when there is reasonable belief that the situation may escalate to the point that the MP-5 will be necessary.
- B. The MP-5 should be secured when the situation is stabilized or when practical.
- C. The number of carbine rifles deployed during any one incident should be in accordance with the level of threat faced and should be appropriate to the situation.
- D. An officer may have their approval to carry a carbine rifle withdrawn based on but not limited to the following:

1. Failure to qualify, and/or
2. Deficiencies in weapon handling, and/or
3. Improper deployment of the carbine rifle.

4. **AUTHORIZED AMMUNITION.** The department will furnish, on an annual rotation basis, all ammunition for the patrol carbine rifle which will be a department authorized/approved factory loaded ammunition. The authorized ammunition shall be Winchester – Ranger SXT 40 Caliber 180 GR FMJ and Ranger SXT 9mm 147 GR FMJ. Range practice ammunition shall be furnished by the department and will be comparable to duty ammunition in velocity and bullet weight.

5. **PATROL CARBINE RIFLE RECORDS AND MAINTENANCE.** The serial number of each department-owned carbine rifle will be entered into a log. Each carbine rifle will be checked once a month by a supervisor or his/her designee to ensure that the carbine rifle is clean, being properly cared for and is functioning properly. A record will be maintained each time a patrol carbine rifle is repaired or for annual inspection/cleaning.

6. **PATROL CARBINE RIFLE SAFETY.** No person shall load or unload a carbine rifle while in the police building except when police action is required. The patrol carbine rifle will always be pointed in a safe direction when transporting to and from the patrol car or when loading and unloading.

Chief of Police

Date