



# Edina Police Operations Manual

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**FIREARMS-AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY AND TRAINING**

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## **PURPOSE:**

To establish guidelines to regulate the authorization of carrying firearms and accessories and to establish firearms training regulations.

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## **AUTHORIZATION FOR CARRYING FIREARMS**

### **Subd. 1 Primary Firearm**

All officers must carry the department issued Glock model 17 or model 19 semi-automatic 9 MM caliber pistol as their primary weapon while on duty.

### **Subd. 2 Secondary Firearm**

- a) Officers shall have the option of carrying one secondary firearm on their person while on duty.
- b) A secondary firearm may be either pistol or double action revolver in design.
- c) A secondary firearm shall be registered with the department by make, model, and serial number. (Secondary Weapon Registration EPD Form 0715B)
- d) A secondary firearm shall be mechanically sound and reliable and will be inspected annually by either a department Armorer or Range Officer.
- e) Officers who elect to carry a secondary firearm must demonstrate proficiency and knowledge of the weapon prior to receiving authorization to carry it.
- f) A secondary firearm shall not be used as a primary weapon unless exigent circumstances exist.
- g) A uniformed officer who elects to carry a secondary firearm shall carry that weapon concealed on their person.

### **Subd. 3 Provisions**

- a) All on duty officers shall carry only those firearms authorized by this section.
- b) No additional firearms are to be carried in the police vehicle other than the Edina Police Department weapon assigned to a vehicle.

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## Subd. 4 Exceptions

- a) An officer may be put on special assignment, at which time the type of firearm which best meets the needs of the assignment will be authorized.
- b) Officers who maintain a current status with the Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) may secure additional SWAT related weapons in the trunk of a department vehicle during the course of their duties.
- c) To transport weapons seized as evidence.
- d) To transport weapons to and from a gun range facility.
- e) In any other instance when authorized by a supervisor.

## 460.02 AMMUNITION REGULATIONS

**Subd. 1** Only department issued ammunition is permitted for duty use in a primary firearm.

**Subd. 2** Ammunition carried in secondary firearms shall also be departmentally approved with a minimum requirement that it be loaded by a reputable ammunition manufacturer and of the design commonly associated with defensive application. (jacketed hollow point, frangible, etc.) No full metal jacketed, reload ammunition, or armor-piercing ammunition is allowed.

## 460.03 HOLSTER REGULATIONS

**Subd. 1** Uniformed officers shall wear a department approved security holster, which is issued to them. The chief of police must first approve any other style of holster. Non-uniformed officers will use only such holsters that have been approved by the chief of police.

**Subd. 2** Secondary firearms shall be carried in such a manner that they are securely retained on the officer's person during normally anticipated duty functions.

**Subd. 3** Holsters shall be inspected by the firearms instructor whenever department members participate in a firearms qualification shoot. Department members are not authorized to carry any holster found to be unsafe or defective.

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## 460.04 ALCOHOL USE REGULATIONS

- Subd. 1** Officers shall not carry firearms either on or off duty when they have consumed or it is anticipated that they will consume alcoholic beverages.
- Subd. 2** Officers on specific duty assignments may be exempted from this policy by order of the chief of police, if such consumption is necessary in the course of official duty.

## 460.05 FIREARMS TRAINING

Prior to receiving a duty issued firearm, all officers will receive instruction on the use of force, deadly force and the use of firearms. At least once a year, each officer will again receive the same training mentioned above. Firearms training shall be in the safe handling and proficient use of all authorized police firearms. It shall also include training in the policies of the department governing the carrying and use of firearms as well as appropriate state statutes.

## 460.06 QUALIFICATION WITH FIREARMS

- Subd. 1** All officers must be qualified by a range officer for any firearm the officer carries or uses while on-duty.
- Subd. 2** Officers are expected to qualify a minimum of once a year per POST Board Standards. Additional shoots may be held and officers are expected to demonstrate the ability to meet the objectives of the specific lesson.
- Subd. 3** Officers who elect to carry a department registered secondary firearm must qualify with their secondary firearm on an annual basis.
- Subd. 4** The training officer will determine the appropriate course of fire during any firearms qualifications. The training officer will maintain a copy of the course of fire and the records pertaining to each officer's qualification as part of the departmental training records.

## 460.07 RANGE RULES

- Subd. 1** All department members will comply with the instructions of the range officer. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the range and possible disciplinary action.
- Subd. 2** Appropriate eye and ear protection must be worn at all times during firearms training by the person shooting and all others in the immediate vicinity.
- Subd. 3** Firearms will not be removed from the holster or fired, except at the command of the range officer.

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**Subd. 4** When drawing to fire, the trigger finger should not be inside the trigger guard until the firearm has cleared the holster and is pointed down range.

**Subd. 5** No one will go down range without the permission of the range officer.

## 460.08 ADDITIONAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

**Subd. 1** Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.

**Subd. 2** Keep the muzzle of any firearm pointed in a safe direction.

**Subd. 3** Keep the action of all firearms open except when it is in use, holstered, stored in a gun locker, or in a carrying case.

**Subd. 4** All firearms left within the confines of the Edina Police Department must be properly secured in a locked cabinet, locker, or other secure container.

**Subd. 5** Any loading or unloading of handguns at the Edina Police Department will be done in a safe manner at a clearing barrel.

**Subd. 6** Due care shall be used when leaving patrol vehicles, which contain unattended firearms.