



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

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POLICY

The Racine Police Department has established a policy that governs the use and types of firearms carried by personnel during their designated tour of duty. The intent of this policy is to ensure the safety of the Department members, as well as the safety of those in the community, by establishing that members who carry weapons are properly trained to do so. Under no circumstances will a member be permitted to carry or transport (in a Department vehicle) an unauthorized weapon unless that weapon is being transported for the purpose of processing it as evidence.

DEFINITIONS

Primary Weapon means the handgun that must be carried by any on-duty member during the member's tour of duty. The Department has specified that this handgun must be any generation Glock Model 17, Glock Model 19, Glock Model 21, Glock Model 23 or Glock Model 22 with a standard 5-pound trigger. Approved primary weapons for plain clothes officers must be any generation Glock Model 17, Glock Model 19, Glock Model 21, Glock Model 23, Glock Model 41, Glock Model 30, Glock Model 36, Glock Model 22 and Glock Model 27. This handgun may be a Department issued handgun or one personally owned.

Secondary Weapon means the handgun that a member chooses to carry as a supplementary weapon while on duty. This weapon will be personally owned. The weapon may be:

- Any action, including revolvers;
 - .380 caliber or larger is suggested but not required;
 - Any make;
 - Trigger pull similar to that of the primary weapon;
 - If the weapon is 9mm, .40 or .45 caliber, the officer must carry department-issued ammo;
 - All other off-duty ammunition must be of jacketed hollow point configuration, manufactured by Federal, CCI, Remington, Hornady or Winchester;
 - The officer must successfully complete an approved off-duty weapon qualification course developed by the Rangemaster annually;
 - The off-duty qualification course must include draw and recovery, movement and barricade use.
1. Members shall:
 - a. Ensure that only Department-issued ammunition is carried in both the weapon and spare magazines.
 - b. Ensure that their primary weapon is delivered to and inspected by a Department Armorer, annually.
 - c. Ensure that their primary weapon is cleaned and maintained frequently enough to ensure its serviceability.
 - d. Ensure that they have successfully completed training with the primary weapon at least once during each of the Department's four designated range periods.
 - 1) Failure to attend the required range periods will result in disciplinary action by the Department.

- 2) The member that attends but fails to complete the training will be required to return for additional training at the next scheduled training session.
 - a) Subsequent failure to successfully complete the training will result in the member being required to attend a special firearms proficiency program tailored for the member.
 - b) If a member continues to fail the training, the member will be reassigned and his/her case reviewed by the Chief of Police.
 - e. Ensure that no modification occurs to the primary weapon that is not approved by the Department Training Officer. Approved modifications typically are sights, grips, flashlights and, in some cases, extended slide releases.
 - 1) Any modification that has been done to a Department-owned weapon that is not approved will be repaired by a Department Armorer, and the costs necessary to return it to a serviceable condition shall be charged off to the member.
 - 2) Any disapproved modification that has been done to a personally-owned weapon will disqualify its use as a primary weapon until the member has made the necessary changes or repairs to return the weapon to a serviceable condition.
 - f. Ensure that all firearms-related policies are adhered to.
2. When members choose to carry a secondary weapon, the members shall:
- a. Ensure that their secondary weapon conforms to that within the above definition.
 - b. If the weapon is 9mm, .40 or .45 caliber, the officer must carry department-issued ammunition. Any other caliber ammunition must be supplied by the officer within the above-listed guidelines, including ammunition for the qualification course.
 - c. Ensure that their secondary weapon has been registered with the Department Training Officer and inspected for serviceability.
 - d. It is the responsibility of the individual member to ensure their secondary and off-duty weapons are functional and operating properly.
 - e. Members must successfully train with each of their off duty and/or secondary firearm once per year. Failure to successfully complete training, annually, with the off-duty firearm will result in the forfeiture of rights to carry that off-duty firearm.
 - f. Ensure that no modification occurs to the secondary weapon that is not approved by the Department Training Officer. Approved modifications typically are sights, grips and, in some cases, extended slide releases.
 - g. Ensure that any secondary weapon carried by a uniformed member is concealed from view.
 - h. Ensure that all firearms related policies are adhered to.

RELATED PROCEDURES

- [601 – Use of Deadly Force](#)
- [1402 – Carrying Firearms While Off Duty](#)
- [1405 – Special Assignment Weapons](#)
- [1406 – Firearm Training and Proficiency](#)
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RELATED STATUTES

66.305	939.45(4)	
175.40	939.48	939.10