



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

Number: 1402

Subject: Carrying Firearms Off-Duty		
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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 off-duty hours. The intent of this policy is to ensure the safety of the Department members who choose to carry a firearm off-duty, as well as the safety of the community. The carrying of an off-duty firearm is optional.

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 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 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 shall 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. This ammunition must be supplied by the officer;
- The officer must successfully complete an approved off-duty weapon qualification course developed by the Rangemaster for each firearm annually;
- The off-duty qualification course must include draw and recovery, movement and barricade use.

Off-duty Weapon means the handgun that a member chooses to carry when not working in his/her normal capacity as a member of the Racine Police Department.

- 1) This off-duty weapon must meet the same requirements as his/her primary weapon (defined above) or secondary weapon (defined above).
- 2) A member working off-duty, extra-duty employment in uniform shall carry their designated primary duty weapon.

NOTE

If an off- duty officer is unarmed and becomes involved in an actionable situation, the officer shall take as much action as possible to provide the Department with information to assist in the subsequent investigation. However, officers will use caution to protect themselves and others from incurring injury.

When members choose to carry an off-duty weapon, the members shall:

1. Ensure that the off-duty weapon conforms to the criteria above.
2. Understand that:
 - a. If the weapon is a 9mm, .40 or .45 ACP, he/she shall carry only Department-issued ammunition.
 - b. If the weapon is of any other approved caliber, he/she shall personally purchase the ammunition for the weapon, and it must be of jacketed hollow point configuration, manufactured by Federal, CCI, Remington, Hornady or Winchester. Officer must also supply ammunition for the qualification course.
3. Ensure that the off-duty weapon has been registered with the Department Training Officer and inspected for serviceability.
4. It is the responsibility of the individual member to ensure their secondary and off-duty weapons are functional and operating properly.
5. 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.
6. Ensure that no modification occurs to the off-duty weapon that may not be approved by the Department Training Officer.
 - b. Allowed modifications, typically, are sights, grips, flashlights and in some cases, extended slide releases.
 - c. The Department Training Officer must approve any modification to the weapon before the modification is done.
7. Ensure that all firearms-related policies are adhered to.

RELATED PROCEDURES

- [601 – Use of Deadly Force/Discharge of Firearm](#)
- [1401 – Carrying Firearms On Duty](#)
- [1405 – Special Assignment Weapons](#)
- [1406 – Firearm Proficiency and Qualification](#)
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RELATED STATUTES

- 66.305
- 175.40
- 939.10
- 939.45(4)
- 939.48
- 941.23