

**SILVER BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT
FIREARMS CARRYING & CARE POLICY**

POLICY #D-11

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform guidelines and responsibilities, which Peace Officers of the Silver Bay Police Department shall follow in regard to the carrying and care of duty weapons (Handgun, Shotgun and Rifle).

II. POLICY

It is the policy of the Silver Bay Police Department that all personnel shall comply with the following guidelines and responsibilities for the carrying and care of duty weapons (Handgun, Shotgun and Rifle).

III. GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. AMMUNITION

1. Officers will only carry ammunition issued by this department while on duty.

B. DEPARTMENTAL HANDGUN

1. The department is responsible for issuing primary handgun. The department issued handgun is approved by the Chief and Lead Firearms instructor. The Chief and Firearms instructor are the only ones who can approve holsters and weapon attachments. The department issued handgun will be equipped with a R.D.S style optic that is approved by the Chief and Lead Firearms instructor.
2. The department issued handgun shall be kept in the following condition while on duty:
 - a. Chamber loaded
 - b. All magazines loaded.
3. In the event a round is discharged, it shall be the responsibility of the Peace Officer discharging the round to replace the round(s) discharged in the magazine.

C. BACKUP/SECONDARY HANDGUN

- 1.** Peace Officers of the Silver Bay Police Department shall receive authorization from the Chief of Police and Lead Firearms Instructor to carry a backup/secondary handgun.
- 2.** The Peace Officer shall demonstrate proficiency with the weapon prior to being authorized to carry and shall qualify with the weapon in accordance with the Minnesota P.O.S.T. Board requirements.
- 3.** The backup/secondary handgun shall be kept in the following condition while on duty:
 - a.** Chamber loaded
 - b.** The magazine(s) shall be loaded with one less than the maximum capacity. (ex. 10 round magazine shall hold 9 rounds)
- 4.** In the event a round is discharged, it shall be the responsibility of the Peace Officer discharging the round to replace the round(s) discharged in the magazine.

D. SHOTGUN

- 1.** Each patrol squad will be equipped with a department approved 12GA SHOTGUN.
- 2.** The patrol squad equipped shotgun shall be kept in the following condition:
 - a.** Chamber clear
 - b.** The shotgun shall be loaded with Tactical slugs in the squad.
 - c.** Officers will have Tactical buck shot to load at their discretion.
 - d.** Tactical light turned off.
- 3.** In the event a round is discharged, it shall be the responsibility of the Peace Officer discharging the round to replace the round(s) discharged in the magazine.

E. PATROL RIFLE

- 1.** Each Full Time Officer shall be issued an AR-15 Style Rifle .223 or 5.56cal.
- 2.** Rifles shall be kept in the SBPD armory or in squad gun mount when patrol officers are not on shift. Patrol officers may take patrol rifle home with permission from the Chief of Police. Patrol officers must keep patrol rifles in a locked safe when taken home.

3. Any patrol rifle accessory must be approved by The Chief of Police and Lead Firearms Instructor prior to installation.
4. The patrol squad equipped rifle shall be kept in the following condition:
 - a. Chamber clear
 - b. Hammer forward on an empty chamber.
 - c. Magazines, both in the rifle and spare, shall be loaded in the following manner:
 1. Large capacity magazines shall have 29 rounds per magazine.
5. In the event a round is discharged, it shall be the responsibility of the Peace Officer discharging the round to replace the round(s) discharged in the magazine.

F. CLEANING & MAINTENANCE & STORAGE

1. Peace Officers shall be responsible for the proper cleaning and maintenance of the handgun issued by the department.
2. Peace Officers shall be responsible for the proper cleaning and maintenance of the backup/secondary handgun authorized by the Chief of Police and Lead Firearms Instructor.
3. Assigned Peace Officers shall be responsible for the proper cleaning and maintenance of patrol squad shotguns and rifles. Issues shall be reported to the Chief immediately for correction.
4. Peace Officers shall be responsible for the proper safe storage of their assigned pistol and patrol rifle.

IV. INSPECTION

1. At anytime the Chief of Police, Sergeant, upon direction of the Chief of Police or Sergeant may conduct an inspection for proper care/condition of the handguns issued to the Peace Officers of the Silver Bay Police Department.

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V. SUPERVISORS SIGNATURES

Cole W. Ernest
Chief of Police

Sergeant

Lead Firearms Instructor

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

VII. REVISED DATE:

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