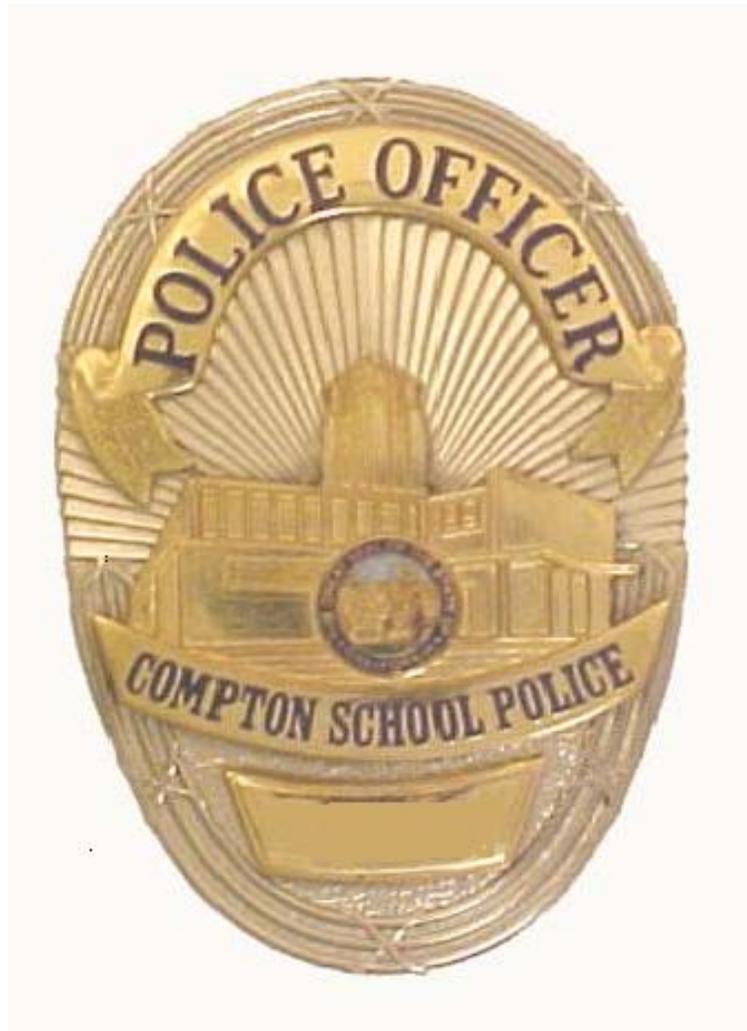


URBAN POLICE RIFLE POLICY



PURPOSE:

The AR15 platform in 5.56x45mm NATO chambering shall be the standardized shoulder fired weapon for all Department personnel authorized to deploy an Urban Police Rifle (UPR) while on duty. This program will provide a more effective means to protect the students, staff, community, and police personnel in high risk and/or dangerous situations.

1. All UPR's used in this program will be semi-auto only. Any request to modify or add accessories to an UPR must first be approved by the UPR Program Supervisor and the Chief of Police. Any approved modifications and or accessories added to an UPR will be documented for that specific UPR by the UPR Program Supervisor in the officer's UPR Program Profile.
2. Duty and training ammunition will be designated by the UPR Program Supervisor. No other ammunition will be authorized for use.
3. All costs of purchasing the UPR, magazines, accessories, maintenance, cleaning, repairs, and any fees associated with the purchasing and registration of the UPR shall be borne by the officer.
4. Prior to being deployed, all UPR's used in this program will be inspected by a qualified Department armorer. Thereafter, annual inspections will be carried out. Armorers will document any repairs and/or modifications for each specific UPR.
5. Only Department approved 20 and or 30 round magazines will be used. The Department currently authorizes Lancer and MagPul (any Gen) magazines. All magazines shall be inspected by the UPR Program Supervisor and approved prior to duty use. All magazines used on duty shall be loaded with the Department authorized ammunition to full capacity minus 1 round ("download 1").
 - a. Aluminum bodied Mil-Spec type magazines are not authorized for duty use, but may be used for training purposes.

SELECTION:

Officers shall apply via interest memo for inclusion into the program. After successful selection and completion of Department mandated training courses, the officers will be authorized to carry and deploy the UPR while on duty. All officers in the program shall be selected by and serve at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

In order to be selected for participation in the UPR Program, Officers must:

1. Have a minimum of 3 years with the Department.
2. Be recommended for the program by the current supervisor.
3. Be in good physical and mental condition.
4. Successfully pass an oral interview with the UPR selection panel.
5. Participate in regular, continuous, Department mandated firearms qualifications, with a maximum of one (1) excused absence in any 12 months period. The officer must submit all documentation to request to be excused seventy-two (72) hours prior to the absence, if possible, or as soon as possible after the qualifications, if circumstances did not allow for prior notification to the Department. Final discretion of determination shall be with the Chief of Police.
6. Officers may be dismissed from the UPR program at the discretion of the Chief of Police without appeal.

TRAINING:

1. Officers selected for the UPR Program will receive a minimum of 16 hours of introductory training in the use of the AR15 platform. The training will include a qualification course that each officer must successfully complete in order to be a member of the program.
2. Thereafter, UPR authorized officers will train and qualify with the UPR at least every 3 months.
3. Training and qualification will be conducted by Department firearms instructors or other Department approved personnel.
4. An officer who fails to qualify during a qualification session will be removed from the program.
5. Officers who miss any training/qualification due to an unexcused absence will be removed from the program.
6. The UPR Program Supervisor will be responsible for tracking all qualification and attendance information.

EQUIPMENT:

1. Upon selection and admission into the UPR Program, an officer shall be provided with a Department letter pursuant to Penal Code 12280(g)(2) authorizing the purchase of an UPR for on duty use.
2. The UPR shall have a barrel length of not less than 16” and no more than 20”. Lightweight, M4, and heavy barrel configurations are authorized.
3. All UPR’s must be purchased as complete rifles from an authorized law enforcement dealer and registered with the CA Department of Justice pursuant to Penal Code 12285. The officer shall complete the Registration Application (DOJ FD023) and pay the registration fees within the statutory required timeframe.
4. Officers shall not “build” their own UPR’s with separate lowers and uppers, and parts kits. UPR’s which are not complete firearms when purchased shall not be authorized for use in the UPR Program.
5. All UPR’s must have functional iron sights, either fixed or flip-up backup type. The officer may, at his/her own expense, purchase optic devices. The approved brands are:
 - a. Aimpoint
 - b. Trijicon
 - c. EOTech
6. All UPR’s, including anything that is to be used in conjunction with the UPR, shall be inspected and approved by the UPR Program Supervisor prior to duty use.

STORAGE:6

1. Privately owned UPR's will be stored at the officer's residence, in a locked and secured storage compartment.
2. At the start of their assigned shifts, UPR officers will notify the Watch Commander or Shift Supervisor of their presence. Watch Commander or Shift Supervisor shall note the availability of UPR's in the Shift Log.
3. The UPR will be loaded in a safe manner to "CRUISER READY" condition prior to the start of a shift. "Cruiser Ready" means the safety selector is in the SAFE position, the chamber is empty and the full magazine (20 or 30 round) is inserted in the magazine well.
4. The UPR shall be kept secured in the unit's trunk, inside a locked case, either soft or hard. The case shall be inspected and approved by the UPR Program Supervisor prior to use on duty. At the officer's discretion, the case may also be secured via cable lock to a hard mounting point in the vehicle trunk to deter theft.
5. At the end of the shift, the rifle will be unloaded and visually and physically inspected to confirm SAFE condition. The confirmation of SAFE condition will be carried out in the proper manner per Department training and procedure.

DEPLOYMENT:

1. UPR authorized officers will deploy the UPR in response to situations that clearly evidence a need or potential need for superior firepower to be used against armed suspects.
2. Only those situations where the circumstances at hand are beyond the capabilities of the standard patrol sidearms (e.g., Long distances, suspects utilizing body armor, and/ or high powered, high capacity weapons) should be considered for UPR deployment. Whenever possible, UPR officers will obtain approval from a supervisor prior to deploying the UPR.
3. After deploying the UPR, the officer will return the weapon to his/her unit, securing it in an appropriate manner. Before securing the rifle, the officer will return it to cruiser ready (selector on safe, chamber empty and magazine seated in the magazine well) while handling the rifle in a safe and proper manner.
4. If the UPR is fired, the Department's Officer Involved Shooting Policy will be in effect.
5. If the UPR is not fired, the officer will complete a memo to the UPR Program Supervisor explaining the need for deployment. A copy of the memo shall be provided to the Watch Commander or Shift Supervisor, who shall attach it and note it in the Shift Log.

SUPERVISION:

1. The UPR Program will be supervised by a sergeant. He/she will be selected by the Chief of Police with the recommendation of the Operations Lieutenant.

2. The UPR supervisor will be responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring the officers understand and comply with this policy.
 - b. Scheduling annual inspections of each UPR by a Department armorer.
 - c. Ensure that proper files are maintained for each UPR.
 - d. Monitor Training/Qualifications to ensure that assigned officers participate at an appropriate level of proficiency.
 - e. Ensure that the daily schedule reflects the shift assignments of current UPR authorized officers, keeping in mind the availability of UPR capability to all shifts.
 - f. Other responsibilities as assigned.

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