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WATERLOO POLICE DEPARTMENT

A. SUBJECT:

Deployment of Department Issue Patrol Rifle

B. PURPOSE:

To establish a standard and effective procedure for the deployment of the Department issue Patrol Rifle.

C. POLICY:

All Department sworn personnel shall comply with the following procedures when deploying the Department issue Patrol Rifle.

D. PROCEDURES:

1. Approved Personnel and Rifle:
 - a. The Department issue patrol rifle will only be deployed by officers who have maintained Department annual certification.
 - b. The patrol rifle shall be a Department issue rifle consisting of the following specifications:
 1. Colt M16 A-1 Rifle converted to semi-auto fire only.
 2. Equipped with EOTech Holographic Diffraction Sight system (HDS).
 3. Two 20-round capacity magazines will be issued with each rifle. Each magazine will contain 18 rounds of Department Issue .223 caliber, 5.56mm factory loads specified for duty use.

2. Storage and Deployment:
- a. The rifle will be issued and kept in a black, hard plastic case. When the rifle is in the case, the rifle's bolt will be in the forward position with the chamber empty and the safety engaged. The magazines will be kept in the case, but not in the magazine well of the rifle.
 - b. The case will remain secured with a plastic one-way cinching tie at each end of the case.
 - c. The case with rifle enclosed ("rifle") will be stored in, and issued from, the supply room off of the Briefing room. Watch Command personnel will be responsible for checking the "rifle" in and out at the beginning and the end of each Watch.
 - d. The "rifles" will only be issued to officers who have maintained department annual certification. Watch Command personnel will have discretion over which officer will be issued the "rifle." The officer that the "rifle" is issued to will store said items in the trunk of the officer's patrol car.
 - e. The rifle will **only** be deployed under the following circumstances:
 1. High Risk Incidents as defined in General Order, Operations, Number 18.
 2. Active Shooter Incidents.
 3. With approval of Watch Commander/Street Supervisor.
 - f. When deploying the rifle, the officer will make sure that the rifle's safety is engaged, and then insert a magazine into the magazine well and chamber a round. The rifle's safety will remain engaged until such time that the officer feels it is necessary to disengage the safety.
 - g. When the rifle is no longer needed, the officer will render the rifle safe by making sure that the safety is engaged, the magazine is removed from the magazine well, and the round is ejected from the chamber. The officer will then return the rifle and the magazines to the hard case and place said items back in the trunk of the patrol car.

- h. If the rifle is deployed, or the plastic one-way cinching ties on the hard case are found to be broken, the rifle will be pulled from service by the on-duty supervisor. The rifle will not be returned to service until a certified Department Armorer or Firearms Instructor inspects it.
- i. If the rifle is deployed, or the plastic one-way cinching ties on the hard case are found to be broken, the officer will open the appropriate incident report and document, in detail, why the rifle was deployed.

BY ORDER OF:

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Chief of Police