

DEFENSIVE PISTOL

Santa Barbara County Probation Department



The 1st Law of Gun Safety - The Gun Is Always Loaded!

The 2nd Law of Gun Safety - Never Point Gun At Something You're Not Prepared To Destroy!

The 3rd Law of Gun Safety - Always Be Sure Of Your Target And What Is Behind It!

The 4th Law of Gun Safety - Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Your Sights Are On The Target

PLEASE TURN PHONES TO
SILENT

VIOLATION OF RANGE
SAFETY RULES WILL
RESULT IN YOUR
DISMISSAL FROM THIS
CLASS

Firearm Arming and Carry Policy

Chapter 1151



A Firearm is only to be used in accordance current law and policy. Violation of any applicable policies or laws may lead to civil liability and/or disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

Members of the Probation Department classified as peace officers per Section 830.5 of the Penal Code may carry and utilize firearms while on duty **only if authorized by the Chief Probation Officer** and under the terms and conditions specified by this policy.

Officers who have been authorized to carry a firearm shall bring all approved firearms to their assigned workplace, every day they are on duty unless otherwise approved by their superior officer in the chain of command

An officer who is not armed by the Department but elects to carry a firearm while off duty will be considered acting independently from the County and will assume individual responsibility for any claims arising from the use or display of the firearm.

Officers transferred from “high risk” caseload assignments to lower priority caseloads must either relinquish the firearm upon transfer or submit a Pro 299a within 30 days to articulate the reason for requesting consideration to remain armed

All sworn administrative staff (excluding Institutions Supervising Probation Officers (SPOs), unless requested otherwise) and those authorized by the Chief Probation Officer to utilize a firearm while on duty shall have successfully completed an approved firearms course pursuant to Section 832 of the Penal Code.

All sworn administrative staff and those officers authorized by the Chief Probation Officer to carry a firearm while on duty shall have successfully completed the 40-hour Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) Defensive Pistol Course or a comparable course approved by the Probation Manager in charge of training.

In addition to quarterly qualifications, armed officers are required to attend an annual in-house firearms range training update class after authorization to carry firearms is granted.

Firearm

Personnel are authorized to carry and use only the firearm and ammunition issued by the Probation Department as their duty weapon unless specifically otherwise authorized by the Chief Probation Officer or the respective Deputy Chief Probation Officer in the absence of the Chief, via a Pro 299d. The firearm approved for issue by the Department is Heckler & Koch USP 9 millimeter semiautomatic pistol or as designated by the Chief Probation Officer and Rangemaster.

IN-LIEU OF FIREARM

Officers who are authorized to carry a firearm while on duty may carry an “in lieu of” firearm on duty as indicated in section III. B of this manual chapter. The criteria for an in lieu of weapon are listed below:

HOLSTERS/HOLDERS

The holster must be comfortable, functional and concealable with appropriate gun fit and equipped with a trigger guard. Holster should be a level II or have retention capabilities.

Carrying A Firearm

SAFETY AND STORAGE

When the firearm is taken to the officer's residence it must be kept in a secure and safe place where it is not accessible to other individuals, particularly children and/or irresponsible adults. Negligent storage of a firearm could result in criminal prosecution.

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REQUEST TO COMMENCE ARMING PROCESS
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PRO 299A

AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY A FIREARM

PRO 299B

REQUEST TO REMAIN ARMED

PRO 299C
