

AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Advanced Officer Training
Firearms Training Unit



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APPROVED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION LIST

This document supersedes all previously dated weapons and ammunition lists. It remains effective until approved updates and revisions are circulated.

1. This document is effective June 1st, 2023, and applies to all city issued and personally owned weapons.
 - a. Officers who obtained weapons under the provisions of previous weapons lists may continue to carry the weapon on their weapons card until they are no longer serviceable.
 - b. Officers who have attended an authorized APD approved 1911 handlers course see section 6.
 - c. Officers who have attended an authorized APD approved Miniaturized Red Dot Sight course see Addendum A.
2. Any weapon manufactured by an approved manufacturer may be carried so long as it does not violate another section of this document. Any weapon or weapon variation may be specifically excluded at any time by the Commander of Training or his designee.
3. Any approved pistol that is added to an officer's list of weapons must be equipped with sights that allow aiming the weapon in low-light conditions (night-sights, illuminated optic, and/or weapon-mounted light). Pistols that are already on the officers list that previously did not require night-sights are grandfathered and do not require the addition of night-sights.
4. Officers may choose to carry a subcompact handgun as their primary duty weapon while dressed in plain clothes.
5. Officers certified as 1911 Handlers are authorized to add and delete similarly approved weapons for the duration of their career. (Refer to addendum A)
6. Officers wishing to add weapons manufactures to this list must refer to the APD General Orders, 803.3(b) Authorized Weapons.
7. Approved firearms modifications. (Refer to addendum B)
8. Any modifications made to a firearm must be inspected by Firearms Training Unit personnel.

I. APD Issued Primary Duty Weapon

Beginning January 1, 2017 the primary duty weapon for the Austin Police Department is the issued Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm semi-automatic pistol. Beginning May 1, 2022 the department began issuing the Smith & Wesson M&P 2.0 9mm semi-automatic pistol equipped with an Aimpoint ACRO P2 red dot sight. Optics mounted on these issued pistols may not be removed except by a department armorer. Officers not issued a red dot equipped pistol are also authorized to carry a personally owned factory optics ready Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm.

All sworn personnel are required to carry one of these weapons while wearing any approved police uniform. Please refer to APD General Orders, section 801.3.

Sworn personnel assigned to a plain clothes or undercover assignment may carry either of the approved Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm pistols, or any department approved secondary weapon.

II. Department Approved Secondary Weapons

Weapons from the following list of approved manufacturers may be carried on-duty (Plain clothes and undercover assignment). The only calibers allowed are 9MM, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP calibers in semi-automatic pistols, and revolvers may also be chambered in .38 special or .357 magnum.

The following features are NOT allowed on any weapon:

- Magazine disconnect (weapon will not fire with magazine removed)
- Single action only trigger mechanisms (DA/SA, etc. variants of the same pistol are allowed)
- Manual safeties allowing SA carry (so called "cocked and locked")

Any handgun or revolver produced by the below listed manufactures are allowed, except where specifically prohibited, or if a feature violates another section of this list (i.e. single action only variants of a pistol are NOT allowed, where a DA/SA version is).

- Glock
- Heckler & Koch
- Sig Sauer
- Springfield
- Smith & Wesson
- Kahr
- FN Herstal
- CZ

III. Semi-Automatic Rifles

All semi-automatic rifles must comply with below listed rifle requirements.

Absolutely no BATFE Class II or Class III weapons (personal or departmental issue), with the exception of a short barreled rifle meeting the requirements of this section, will be allowed to be carried by any officer on-duty unless assigned to a specialized unit and upon approval from their commander.

Individual officers are responsible for completing all appropriate paperwork, fees, and other official documentation for personally owned short barreled rifles. The department will not offer assistance or legal advice on these issues. Officers are reminded that failure to properly follow all appropriate state and Federal guidelines can result in criminal penalties at both the state and Federal level.

PERSONALLY OWNED SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE REQUIREMENTS

Authorized Rifles

1. AR-15 style rifle
2. Sig Sauer SIG556
3. Department issued Heckler and Koch G36

AR-15 Requirements

CONSTRUCTION:	Unless otherwise specifically authorized or restricted by this policy, the rifle must be substantially similar to the Colt 6920, S&W MP15, or Sionics Patrol Rifle in construction and design.
RECEIVER GROUP:	Must be constructed of metal or metal alloy.
OPERATING SYSTEM:	Direct gas impingement or piston design only
CALIBER:	.223 or 5.56x45
BARREL LENGTH:	10.3" or longer with BATF approval, 16" or longer otherwise
BARREL TWIST:	Must be 1-9" or faster and stabilize department issued ammunition
MUZZLE DEVICE:	Personally owned short barreled rifles (as defined by the BATFE) may only be equipped with an approved muzzle device.
WEAPON CONTROLS:	Must be substantially similar to the Colt LE6920, S&W M&P15, or Sionics Patrol Rifle in location and operation. The weapon MUST have an external manually operated safety. Rifles built for left handed shooters, with controls that mirror the traditional AR design are allowed by this policy.

- TRIGGER WEIGHT: 4 lbs. or more
- SIGHTS: Weapons must be equipped with sights that allow aiming the weapon in low-light conditions, such as:
1. Standard iron sights with weapon light
 2. Illuminated Optic (dot or reticle)
 - a. Must conform to current TCOLE restrictions on magnification.
 - b. Variable optics must have a minimum magnification of 1.5x or less.
 - c. Red dot or holographic style optics that rely on battery power to project a reticle must have backup sights.
 - d. Any optic and mount produced by the below listed manufacturers are allowed, except where specifically prohibited, or if a feature violates another section of this list (i.e. magnification is greater than allowed by TCOLE).
- MAGAZINES: Maximum capacity 30 rounds
- SLINGS: One, two and three point slings are approved. Single point slings require the use of a muzzle control device.
- FINISH: Exterior metal surfaces must have a solid finish and must be of black, grey, or earth tone color. No graphics, logos, or text are allowed on any part of the rifle. The LSU Lieutenant will be the final decision maker as to whether or not the finish is appropriate for duty use.
- AMMUNITION: Officer will be issued department authorized rifle ammunition.
- QUALIFICATION: Officers must qualify with their personal rifle each calendar year.

APPROVED RIFLE OPTICS LIST (PERSONALLY OWNED)

Aimpoint	Meprolight	Meopta
EOTech	Steiner	Zeiss
Trijicon	Kahles	Leica
Leupold	Schmidt & Bender	Swarovski
Nightforce	Elcan	Vortex (Razor line ONLY)

APPROVED RIFLE OPTICS MOUNT LIST (PERSONALLY OWNED)

Larue Tactical	Geissele	American Defense Manufacturing
GGG	Bobro	Alamo Four Star / ZRODelta
Aimpoint	EOTech	Global Defense Initiatives
Seekins	Trijicon	Kinetic Development Group
ARMS	Scalarworks	Midwest Industries
Unity Tactical	Badger	Battle Arms Development
Fortis	Aero Precision	Reptilia
Spuhr		

APPROVED MUZZLE DEVICES FOR SHORT BARRELED RIFLES (PERSONALLY OWNED)

A short barreled rifle produces a much more intense muzzle blast with accompanying higher levels of sound pressure. For this reason only certain muzzle devices are authorized for short barreled rifles. No muzzle device with a baffle and openings that direct the blast to the side of the device is authorized unless it is equipped with a blast shield (examples: Ferfrans CRD, Noveske KX3, Surefire Warden, Griffin Blast Shield).

SOUND SUPPRESSORS

Individual officers are responsible for completing all appropriate paperwork, fees, and other official documentation for personally owned sound suppressors. The department will not offer assistance or legal advice on these issues. Officers are reminded that failure to properly follow all appropriate state and Federal guidelines can result in criminal penalties at both the state and Federal level.

IV. Personally Owned Shotguns

All personally owned shotguns must comply with below listed shotgun requirements.

Absolutely no BATFE Class II or Class III weapons (personal or departmental issue), with the exception of a short barreled shotgun meeting the requirements of this section, will be allowed to be carried by any officer on-duty unless assigned to a specialized unit and upon approval from their commander.

Individual officers are responsible for completing all appropriate paperwork, fees, and other official documentation for personally owned short barreled shotguns. The department will not offer assistance or legal advice on these issues. Officers are reminded that failure to properly follow all appropriate state and Federal guidelines can result in criminal penalties at both the state and Federal level.

PERSONALLY OWNED SHOTGUN REQUIREMENTS

Authorized Shotguns

1. Remington 870 Police Magnum, Wingmaster, and Express (lockable trigger groups not allowed)
2. Mossberg 590 and 500
3. Beretta A300 and 1301
4. Benelli M1, M2, and M4

Shotgun Requirements

CALIBER: 12 gauge

BARREL LENGTH: 14" with BATF approval, 18.5", or 20" smooth bore with fixed or removable choke of improved, modified, or cylinder.

SIGHTS: Approved Iron Sights:
May be equipped with any standard sight type (Bead, rifle, or ghost ring sights). Sights integrated into a heat shield are prohibited

Optics Policy:

Receiver mounted picatinny rails with an optic are allowed (this means the rail must be mounted to a drilled and tapped receiver). Optic mounts attached to the trigger pin holes or mounts that mount via a spacer between the stock and receiver are not allowed. An optic mounted to a shotgun must meet the same requirements as an optic mounted to a rifle.

LIGHT: Must be equipped with a weapon mounted light.

SLINGS: Must be equipped with a two point sling.

FINISH: Exterior metal surfaces must have a black or parkerized finish. No graphics, logos, or text, is allowed on any part of the shotgun.

AMMUNITION: Officers will be issued department authorized buckshot and slugs to address spare shell load out and deployment as necessary. Semi-auto shotguns must be tested for function with authorized ammunition.

QUALIFICATION: Officers must qualify with their personal shotgun each calendar year.

APPROVED HOLSTER

The Safariland 6360 Duty Holster is the Department Issued holster to be worn as the primary duty holster while wearing an approved police uniform. Please refer to APD General Orders, section 801.3.

The Department also authorizes the following level 3 duty holsters to be worn as the primary duty holster while wearing an approved police uniform. No holster requiring the trigger finger to be used to defeat a retention mechanism is authorized. Please refer to APD General Orders, section 801.3:

1. Safariland 6360 / STX Tac Finish / With or without light option
2. Safariland 070 SS III / Plain Black Finish

APPROVED BATONS

Officers may choose to carry a collapsible straight stick, rigid departmental issue straight stick, side handle baton or a combination of the above. Examples of batons designated as approved include but are not limited to:

1. ASP (collapsible)
2. Peacekeeper RCB Rapid Containment Baton (collapsible)
3. Monadnock (collapsible)
4. Rigid straight stick. Restricted to Departmental issue. (Wood, metal, or fiberglass construction)
5. PR-24 side handle baton (Collapsible or rigid. Fiberglass or metal construction) **

Officers wishing to carry batons other than those shown will be required to provide a sample of the new baton to the Austin Police Department equipment committee for assessment. The equipment committee will make a recommendation whether or not to approve the requested baton for departmental use.

Officers shall not alter or modify an approved baton without first submitting the baton with its alteration/modification to the Austin Police Department equipment committee for approval.

** Officers wishing to carry a PR24 side handle baton must attend and pass a PR24 certification course prior to carrying the baton.

ADDENDUM A

Department Approved Pistols with Miniaturized Red Dot Sight

Officers that have successfully passed the APD MRDS transition course are authorized to carry the issued S&W M&P 2.0 with Aimpoint optic or, if not yet issued one, an approved personally owned factory optics ready M&P 9mm handgun equipped with an approved MRDS both in and out of uniform. MRDS pistols carried in uniform must be equipped with a weapon mounted-light that will fit in the approved duty holster.

Personally owned M&Ps may be any generation optics-ready Smith and Wesson M&P with either a 4.25" or 5" barrel length. Officers are not authorized to modify the slide of an existing handgun to allow for the addition of a MRDS.

Officers may choose to utilize a MRDS from the following approved manufacturers:

Trijicon, Leupold, Aimpoint, or Holosun

The Safariland 6360-RDS is the approved holster for use with a MRDS equipped pistol, and must be utilized by officers when carrying a MRDS equipped pistol while in uniform.

Handguns from the list of Approved Secondary Weapon manufacturers with **ORIGINAL FACTORY** optics-ready slide mounting systems that accommodate an approved MRDS may be carried on-duty only in plain clothes and undercover assignments in a holster designed to accommodate the MRDS by officers that have successfully passed the APD MRDS transition course. A weapon light is not required for plain clothes carry.

Department Approved 1911 Pistols

Officers authorized to carry 1911 style pistols may choose to carry full-size, compact and subcompact pistols from the following approved manufacturers in 9mm, .40 S&W, or .45 ACP:

Colt, Ed Brown, Kimber, Les Baer, Nighthawk, Para Ordnance, Sig Sauer, Springfield, Smith & Wesson, STI/Staccato, Triarc Systems, and Wilson Combat.

Addendum B

Department Approved Firearms Modifications

City issued firearms

1. Officers shall not permanently alter or modify any part of a city issued firearm in any way.
2. The addition of a slip-on style Pachmayr grip (Black) or an approved weapon mounted light is allowed.
3. After market sights approved by the Training Division Commander or their designee may be installed by a qualified department armorer.

Personally owned firearms

1. Officers shall not alter or modify any part of an approved handgun with the exception of ambidextrous controls or the addition of grips, refinishing, or sights.
 - a. Grips must be black or brown in color
 - b. Made of wood, rubber or synthetic material
 - c. Have standard machine checkering or stippling
2. Modifications made to personally owned rifles and shotguns must conform to the Approved Weapons List requirements and are subject to inspection and approval by the Firearms Training Unit.

Weapon Lights

Officers may purchase and add a weapon mounted light that meets the following requirements:

1. Pistol mounted lights must be equipped with a rocker or push-button style switch and must be activated with the officer's non-shooting hand.
2. Pressure pad style switches are strictly prohibited for use with weapon mounted handgun lights.
3. Officers may only utilize weapon mounted lights when the use or potential use of a firearm would be reasonable under the circumstances.

Examples of weapon mounted lights designated as approved include but are not limited to:

1. Surefire X200 or X300
2. Streamlight TLR-1
3. Insight M3

Personally-owned laser sighting systems are not approved for use on any department issued handguns. Visible laser sighting systems are not approved for use on any rifles or shotguns.

Addendum C

Ammunition

All ammunition carried when on duty must be approved by the Department for use. With the exception of Special Operations, the Training Academy has the responsibility to test and approve ammunition for on duty use.

All duty ammunition should be inspected during routine personnel inspections by the officer's immediate supervisor to ensure the approved ammunition is being utilized by the officer and it's in a serviceable condition. Supervisors should conduct ammo inspections of all duty weapons to include: M&P 9mm pistols, Rifles, Shotguns, Less Lethal Shotguns, and department approved personally owned back-up weapons carried on duty.

The department approved ammunition is as follows:

Pistol

- GOLD DOT** 9mm Luger + P 124 Grain GDHP
- GOLD DOT** 40 S&W 165 Grain GDHP
- GOLD DOT** 45 230 Grain GDHP
- GOLD DOT** 38 Special + P 125 Grain GDHP
- GOLD DOT** 357 Magnum 158 Grain GDHP

Rifle

- GOLD DOT** 223 REM 75 Grain GDHP

Shotgun

- FEDERAL** Flight Control 00 Buck
- HORNADAY** TAP 00 Buck
- WINCHESTER** Ranger 1 oz Slug
- FEDERAL** Tactical 1 oz Slug

Special Operations – SWAT will select and test all their ammunition in accordance with the FBI testing protocol based on their mission specific needs.

Approved:

LSU Firearms Sergeant

Date

LSU Firearms Lieutenant

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Training Academy Commander

Date