

	<b><u>Green Island Police Department</u></b>	
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**NYS ACCREDITATION STANDARD NUMBER & TITLE:**

**I. Purpose**

To establish a procedure for the handling and deployment of any department firearm

**II. Policy**

As part of the Green Island Police Department’s mission to protect the residents and visitors of Green Island the department equips officers with various weaponry to be used in the attempt to control incidents in the field. These incidents include the necessity to utilize a variety of weaponry including both handguns and long guns. This directive authorizes sworn members of the Green Island Police Department, who have successfully qualified in the use of each weapon, to deploy departmental weapons in the field in accordance with the department’s use of force policy.

**III. Definitions**

Armorer: An individual who repairs, assembles, and tests firearms. Training will be provided by weapons manufacturers, master armorers and the NYS Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)

Firearm: A weapon from which a shot is discharged by gunpowder

High Port: Held with two hands but carried with muzzle well above the head

Patrol Rifle: Any magazine-fed repeating rifle with iron/fixed sights and/or with a frame mounted optical enhancing sighting device that is carried by the individual officer in an official capacity

**IV. Procedure**

- a. When in Green Island Department uniform, whether on or off duty, an officer shall be armed at all times.

- b. The Chief of Police, or his designee, will issue all department firearms and that issuance will be documented in the 'Firearm Issuance & Maintenance' blotter.
- c. Officers shall be responsible for the care, cleaning and routine periodic inspections of their issued weapons.
- d. Officers will carry their weapons while on duty in the department issued & authorized holsters, complete with lighting system attached. Weapons with lighting systems shall not be used merely as a source of light.
- e. Only those firearms approved by the Chief of Police shall be carried on duty.
- f. Any loss of ammunition or discharge of ammunition from any weapon will be reported in writing on the appropriate report to the immediate Supervisory Officer.
- g. All repair work, modification or adjustment to any department weapon will be performed by a department armorer or his designee.
- h. **Weapon Deployment**
  - i. Officers are authorized to deploy department weapons during duty related incidents where the conduct of another is believed to reasonably endanger the safety of anyone, including the actor. Additionally, the deployment of the duty rifle is suggested during incidents that involve a individual(s) who is reasonably believed to be:
    1. Wearing protective body armor, or
    2. Armed with or who has access to a firearm, or
    3. Armed and situated in a distant or fortified location that affords the suspect(s) a tactically superior position, or
    4. Actively engaged in conduct that creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury to the officer or others by means of a firearm, explosive, or deadly weapon, or
    5. Engaging in or about to engage in conduct and the officer reasonably believes the issued duty handgun alone is insufficient to defend against the suspect's actions.
- i. **Duty Handgun**
  - i. The duty handgun of the Green Island Police Department is the Glock Model 21 GEN4 chambered in 45ACP. Three magazines, which will be duty-carried by all sworn members, are issued with the firearm each with a capacity of 13 rounds.
    1. Additionally the Chief of Police will be issued a Glock Model 30 GEN4 chambered in 45ACP to be carried during administrative duties.

- ii. Only that ammunition provided by the department is authorized for use in a department-issued handgun.
- iii. Only members who have been trained and have qualified in the use of the duty handgun are authorized to possess or deploy a duty handgun while on duty.
- iv. Responsibilities of personnel equipped with a duty handgun:
  - 1. Visually inspect the ammunition and weapon prior to the start of a tour of duty. Any missing or damaged items, malfunctions or other concerns will be immediately reported to a department armorer or the Chief of Police.
  - 2. Ensure the weapon is well-maintained and in proper working order. Field strip & clean the weapon as needed and when otherwise directed by a department armorer and/or supervisor.

**j. Duty Rifle**

- i. The duty rifle of the Green Island Police Department is the Colt LE6920MPS-B semi-automatic rifle chambered in .223/.556 caliber. At least two magazines will be carried with the rifle each with a capacity of 30 rounds.
- ii. The department currently maintains an armory of two (2) patrol rifles. Each officer on-duty will carry a patrol rifle as part of their daily equipment until the armory inventory is exhausted.
- iii. Only members who have been trained and have qualified in the use of the duty rifle are authorized to possess or deploy a duty rifle while on duty.
- iv. Responsibilities of personnel equipped with a duty rifle:
  - 1. Rifles will be carried in the soft-case when transporting the weapon to/from the patrol vehicle exclusive of the duration of on-duty use or in-service training.
  - 2. **Sworn members will visually and physically perform a four-point safety check at the beginning & ending of their tour of duty.**
    - a. **Safety – Ensure the safety is engaged**
    - b. **Chamber – Visually and physically inspect the chamber for any rounds or objects**
    - c. **Magzine Well – Visually and physically inspect the magazine well for any objects**

d. **Bore – Only after the previous three points have been completed, visually inspect the bore to ensure there are no obstructions**

3. After performing the safety check at the beginning of a tour an officer ***will patrol-load the rifle. With the safety on & bolt forward, chamber empty, a magazine loaded with 28 rounds will be inserted into the rifle then returned to the soft-case*** and secured for the duration of the officer's tour of duty. At the end of the officer's tour ***the magazine will be removed, and returned to the soft-case, prior to the safety check.***
4. If at any time the firearm is carried while removed from its case, outside of its use during an on-duty incident, the weapon will be carried using a single point sling with the muzzle pointed at the ground or at the high port.
5. A department armorer will be notified if the weapon is fired, during service or training, so that it can be cleaned by an armorer.
6. Any round that has been chambered will not be reused. Chambered rounds will be submitted to a department armorer.
- v. No member other than a department armorer, the Chief of Police or his designee shall disassemble a duty rifle outside of a need to repair a malfunction during a use-of-force incident.
- vi. Only that ammunition provided by the department is authorized for use in a department-issued duty rifle.

k. **Duty Shotgun**

- i. The duty shotgun of the Green Island Police Department is the Mossberg 500 chambered in 12 gauge. The shotgun will be carried with a tubular magazine loaded with four rounds as well as a loaded side saddle.
- ii. The department currently maintains an armory of two (2) duty shotguns.
- iii. Only members who have been trained and have qualified in the use of the duty shotgun are authorized to possess or deploy a duty shotgun while on duty.
- iv. Responsibilities of personnel equipped with a duty shotgun:
  1. Shotguns will be carried in the hard-case when transporting the weapon to/from the patrol vehicle exclusive of the duration of on-duty use or in-service training.

2. **Sworn members will visually and physically perform a four-point safety check at the beginning & ending of their tour of duty.**
  - a. **Safety – Ensure the safety is engaged**
  - b. **Chamber – Visually and physically inspect the chamber for any rounds or objects**
  - c. **Tubular Magazine – Visually and physically inspect the tubular magazine for any rounds or objects**
  - d. **Bore – Only after the previous three points have been completed, visually inspect the bore to ensure there are no obstructions**
3. After performing the safety check at the beginning of a tour an officer ***will patrol-load the shotgun. With the action forward, chamber empty, the tubular magazine will be loaded with four rounds*** and the shotgun then secured. At the end of the officer's tour the tubular magazine will be ***unloaded prior to the safety check***.
4. If at any time the firearm is carried while removed from its case, outside of its use during an on-duty incident, the weapon will be carried at the high port.
5. A department armorer will be notified if the weapon is fired, during service or training, so that it can be cleaned by an armorer.
- v. No member other than a department armorer, the Chief of Police or his designee shall disassemble a duty shotgun outside of a need to repair a malfunction during a use-of-force incident.
- vi. Only that ammunition provided by the department is authorized for use in a department-issued duty shotgun.

## **V. Supervision**

- a. All department firearms will be inspected at least once yearly by a department armorer. The result of these inspections, along with any maintenance performed, will be documented in the 'Firearm Issuance & Maintenance' blotter.
- b. All department firearms, both those issued to personnel and those assigned to all duty personnel, will have their serial numbers verified yearly. The 'Weapon Assignments Yearly Verification' form will be used and submitted to the Chief of Police.

## **VI. Training**

- a. All sworn members of the Green Island Police Department shall demonstrate proficiencies in the use of the duty handgun, rifle & shotgun at least once per year or as otherwise directed by the Chief of Police.
- b. Any department training will be supervised by a range instructor as qualified by the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (NYS DCJS).
- c. Training records for department staff will be maintained by the lead range instructor as designated by the Chief of Police.

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