

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

**I. Purpose**

To establish a procedure for the configuration and authorization of personally owned firearms so that they can be utilized in the course of official duty.

**II. Policy**

In an attempt to enlarge the armory of resources available to Green Island Police Department members, certain personally owned patrol rifles will be authorized for department use. Personally owned rifles will be subject to strict configurations and maintenance expectations prior to being authorized for official use.

**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

Gunsmith: An individual responsible for the design, modification or repair of a firearm. A certified gunsmith is one whose actions are licensed by a Federal Firearms License.

Military Specification: A specification that specifies design requirements, such as materials to be used, how a requirement is to be achieved, or how an item is to be fabricated or constructed. A specification that contains both performance and detail requirements is still considered a detail specification

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. Members requesting authorization to equip a personally owned patrol rifle will need to submit a request via **GIPD-139 (Personally Owned Weapon Request)**. The request will be submitted to a department armorer who will inspect the identified patrol rifle. The request will then be forwarded to the Chief of Police for final determination.

- b. Members are required to ensure their patrol rifle meets the below configuration before submitting a request for authorization:
  - i. Factory built to meet military specifications, chambered in .223 caliber
  - ii. Features a barrel length of fourteen (14”) to twenty (20”) inches
  - iii. Semi-automatic firing control
  - iv. Iron and/or Polymer Fixed Front/Rear Sights
  - v. Fixed or collapsible stock
  - vi. Equipped with a single-point or dual-point sling
  - vii. Integrated light system meeting military specifications producing illumination capabilities of at least sixty-five (65) lumens
  - viii. At least two Magpul PMAGs, with a capacity of thirty (30) rounds each, bound together by a Magpul MagLink Coupler
  - ix. Soft/Hard Carrying Case
- c. Members are permitted the following modifications to their patrol rifle, however ALL modifications must be performed by a Green Island Police Department Armorer or Certified Gunsmith (If a certified gunsmith is used, proof of certification must be submitted with personally owned weapon request):
  - i. Battery Assist Device (To allow Bolt Catch manipulation on both sides of the patrol rifle, i.e. Magpul B.A.D. Lever)
  - ii. Ambidextrous Safety
  - iii. Replacement Pistol Grip and/or Forend/Handguard
  - iv. Ambidextrous Charging Handle
  - v. Additional sighting system (Meeting military specifications, non-magnifying, and allows for simultaneous access to fixed iron/polymer sights in case of system failure)
- d. All patrol rifle manufacturers, variants or modifications are subject to final approval by the Chief Of Police.
- e. The use of any patrol rifle not meeting these specifications, or otherwise not authorized by the Chief of Police, by a member of the Green Island Police Department is strictly prohibited.
- f. Only that ammunition provided by the department is authorized for use in a personally owned patrol rifle used in the course of official duty.

## **V. Supervision**

- a. All personally owned patrol rifles will be inspected twice yearly, at least once every six months, by a department armorer. The results of the inspection will be recorded on the **GIPD-140 (Weapon Assignment & Inspection Report)**.
- b. Authorization for personally owned patrol rifles will be required annually, utilizing a **GIPD-139 (Personally Owned Weapon Request)**, typically completed during annual range qualifications.
- c. The authorization to equip a personally owned patrol rifle expires one year after initial approval unless extended by the Chief of Police. Members equipping a personally owned patrol rifle with expired or absent the authorization of the Chief of Police are subject to discipline.

## **VI. Training**

- a. All members of the Green Island Police Department carrying a personally owned patrol rifle shall demonstrate proficiencies in the use of their rifle, in the condition in which it is authorized, at least once per year or as otherwise directed by the Chief of Police.
- b. Training, Inspection and Authorization records will be maintained by the lead range instructor as designated by the Chief of Police.

## **VII. Reference**

- a. Merriam-Webster. (2018). from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/>
- b. IACP National Law Enforcement Policy Center. (2012). *The Patrol Rifle: Considerations for Adoption and Use*(Rep.). Alexandria, VA: International Association of Chiefs of Police.