SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER

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SUBJECT: MANDATORY PATROL RIFLE TRAINING SHOOT

SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: 1.41

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The Firearms Training Unit will be conducting a mandatory training shoot for all patrol rifles. All personnel who are currently authorized to carry patrol rifles (department issued and personally owned) on duty shall attend the training shoot**. The shoot will begin September (Deleted – records of security), and conclude October (Deleted – records of security). All personnel authorized to carry patrol rifles on duty shall complete the rifle training during this (Deleted – records of security) period.** Dates available for the shoot will be posted on the Department's Success Factors training site titled ***"Rifle Training Shoot-Fall 2026."*** Immediate supervisors shall ensure that personnel authorized to carry a patrol rifle participate in the scheduled shoot.

Personnel shall arrive fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled training session to facilitate for their rifle to be inspected for authorized accessories, perform necessary adjustments and serial number verifications. Personnel who arrive late will be turned away and directed to reschedule the training.

Personnel, except for Motor Officers, shall not carry any uncased rifles into (Deleted – records of security) without an escort from Range staff. Loading and unloading firearms in the parking lot is strictly prohibited. All loading and unloading will be done on the firing line under instruction.

Motor Officers in uniform shall carry their uncased rifle into (Deleted – records of security) only in the following condition: rifle slung, magazine removed, bolt locked open to the rear. All other rifles shall be carried in rifle cases or rifle bags.

Personnel who are currently authorized to carry a personally owned rifle shall be provided with a department "pool" rifle to conduct the shoot. Personally owned and unsuppressed rifles shall not be permitted for use during this training shoot.

Personnel shall bring their duty handgun with three pistol magazines and their department-approved rifle with at least three magazines. Supervisors and officers working patrol and other uniformed assignments shall wear their approved full duty equipment. Supervisors and officers working investigations and non-uniformed assignments shall shoot with the holster that is worn in everyday use; non-uniformed assignments shall NOT use patrol style leather gear. **Blackhawk "Serpa" or any other holsters with unlocking mechanisms manipulated by the shooter's trigger finger, shoulder holsters, and cross-draw type holsters are not authorized. Additional equipment such as tourniquets, etc., shall not be attached to duty holsters.** Tactical "drop down" holsters or thigh rigs shall not be used unless that equipment is worn in the normal course of their duties and authorized by their unit policy.

Any city rifle found not to be in a state of "operational readiness" due to lack of maintenance (officer negligence) shall be taken from the officer and returned to the Range Armory. Individual officers' profiles will be updated with maintenance flags in the Range database. Sworn personnel who fail to attend this mandatory training shall be considered "out of compliance" and no longer allowed to carry their rifle on duty.

All personnel shall supply their own eye protection. Sunglasses shall not be used for the shoot. Ear protection (foamies) will be provided. However, over-ear protection is recommended due to the acoustics of the indoor range.

Personnel not in compliance with the above instructions, including unauthorized modifications to holsters, weapons and accessories, shall be required to correct equipment deficiencies and re-schedule the shoot at a later date.

If there are any questions regarding this training shoot, contact the Rangemaster, **(Redacted – record exempt)**

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.