SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORDER

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SUBJECT: PROHIBITION OF HANDGUN MAGAZINE EXTENSIONS

SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: 1.05 and 5.10

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Firearm magazine extensions allow the originally designed ammunition capacity of a firearm magazine to be increased. Although these accessories may offer some benefits to shooters, the various connection methods, as well as the required alterations to the magazine, create a high likelihood of magazine and/or firearm failure in use.

The Firearms Training Unit, which oversees all firearms training for the Department, has observed countless firearm malfunctions and failures due to magazine extensions and corresponding components. These failures have occurred with virtually every manufacturer of magazine extensions used on the range.

A magazine extension is considered any accessory attached to the body of a magazine to increase its capacity. Any accessory or adapter, including original equipment manufacturer, which allows the follower to be depressed below the base of the main magazine housing also falls under this definition. This includes any accessory or adapter from the factory which increases the magazine's original design capacity.

Effective immediately, all magazine extensions are strictly prohibited and shall not be carried in or with any department approved firearm. Magazine extensions shall not be carried with any department authorized firearm at any time.

This prohibition does not include weighted magazine base plates which do not increase the magazine's capacity, nor magazine base plates that add only a finger stop/rest and do not increase the magazine's capacity, nor extended high-capacity magazines *without* additional capacity adapters, which may continue to be used as backup magazines only. For a list of approved manufacturers of base plates, please contact the Rangemaster, **(Redacted – record exempt)**, at the Firearms Training Unit.

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