



# Policy Revision Request

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This revision applies to Existing Policy

If new, recommended section \_\_\_\_\_

This revision is necessary to comply with Best Practices

Whom does this revision affect? Department

This revision has an unbudgeted financial impact of \$ 0

## Brief reason for the revision:

We propose the authorization of rifle sound suppressors as personal protective equipment to safeguard our personnel's auditory health. This move aims to reduce both the incidence of worker's compensation claims due to hearing damage and the associated liability for the department. The integration of sound suppressors can offer a practical and proactive approach to mitigate the risk of hearing loss.

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## 803 Duty Firearms

### 803.3 AUTHORIZED WEAPONS

#### 803.3.6 PERSONALLY OWNED RIFLES

Officers that meet the following criteria may be authorized to carry personally owned rifles while on-duty. Personally owned rifles are for the exclusive use of the weapon owner and will not be loaned or distributed for use to any other officer unless there is a bona fide emergency.

- (a) To carry a personally owned rifles, officers must:
  1. Receive approval through the chain-of-command up to the commander to carry the rifle; and
  2. Successfully complete the Department approved semiautomatic rifle course; and
  3. Meet requirements listed in the Department Approved Weapons and Ammunition List.
- (b) Officers must qualify with the rifle annually on a course designated by the ~~Learned Skills~~ Firearms Training Unit.
- (c) Officers who fail a qualification or who have lost ~~the approval of~~ the chain-of-command approval will no longer be authorized to carry the rifle on-duty.
- (d) Officers authorized to carry a rifle on-duty will be subject to monthly inspection by an immediate supervisor.
- (e) ~~The Officers must carry the~~ weapon ~~must be carried in either~~ a protective case or secured in the patrol vehicle's weapon rack.
- (f) No marking(s), stickers(s), engraving(s), etc., may be placed on the weapon ~~with the exception of~~ manufacturer identifiers (serial number, model number, etc.) and an

employee's initials or employee number. This does not apply to Special Operations sniper rifles using camouflage/concealment designs

(g) The Department authorizes ~~S~~short barrel rifles (SBR) ~~are approved~~ for use on patrol. The requirements for the SBR are:

1. 10.5" barrel length. (9.5" and a 1" flash suppressor does not meet the requirement, etc.)

~~2. Silencers are not authorized.~~

~~3.2.~~ Officers shall carry only Department authorized ammunition. Officers shall not modify or alter any approved ammunition.

~~4.3.~~ Officers ~~MUST~~shall possess the proper ATF tax stamp for a SBR or suppressor that specific weapon. The ~~tax stamp will be checked by LSU Firearms Training Unit~~ staff will check the tax stamp before approving an officer ~~prior to an officer being approved~~ to carry the SBR on duty.

~~5.4.~~ If an officer fails to provide the appropriate tax stamp, specific to the rifle they ~~are~~ possessing, the LSU Firearms Training Unit Sergeant will be notified, and a memorandum will be sent to the officer's chain of command ~~as well as~~ and Internal Affairs.