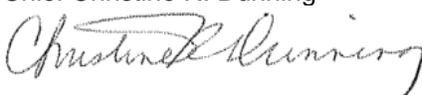


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Annual Firearms Training and Qualifications

Directive: **6.48**

A. General

All members of the department will qualify as outlined in this order and are individually responsible for completing the shooting program on schedule. In-service training is mandatory training time designated to complete the program in an orderly fashion throughout the season. As authorized by 8404 (a)(5) of the Council on Police Training, "In order to retain certification, all police officers in the State of Delaware must receive recertification in firearms proficiency annually, as dictated per departmental policy." Any officer who misses a session due to leave, vacation, or illness must re-schedule a make-up session on their own, to be completed prior to the end of that particular training cycle. (CALEA 1.2.2)

This program is designed to meet or exceed the minimum training requirements established by the Council On Police Training effective January 1, 1992. The Program will be held at the Police Range. The Range will be available for firearms training and qualifications [REDACTED]. During night qualification in-service training, the range will be available [REDACTED].

Officers on light duty will not be permitted to live fire. Any officer on extended light duty must make up any minimum requirements, upon returning to regular duty.

Officers will participate in training to increase each member's understanding of, and compliance with, the department's use of firearms policy. The Police Officer's Manual, The Council on Police Training and Title 11, Delaware Code, will serve as a basis for this training. In addition, officers will receive annual familiarization training in Active Shooter. This will consist of SHOOT/DON'T SHOOT scenarios.

B. Service Weapons Training (Handgun/Shotgun) (CALEA 1.3.11a)

All officers will be required to complete three (3) separate training/qualification sessions.

Session #1 - 1 March to 30 June

Session #2 - 1 July to 31 October

Session #3 - 1 November to 31 December

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Each session consists of a minimum of 100 rounds of handgun ammunition expended by each shooter. At least 50 rounds per session will be used for qualification. One session must be a low light/night qualification. (CALEA 1.3.9c) A memorandum will be issued listing dates and times. Officers are required to have a functioning flashlight for low light/night qualifications. Old service ammunition will be used at this time, and officers will receive new service ammunition at the end of this training session.

Officers will be required to qualify with their uniform service holster and ammunition pouch. (CALEA 1.3.9c) Officers who use other authorized and/or issued holster and ammunition systems will be required to qualify with this system once during a training calendar year and prior to the wearing of same. No qualification courses will be fired without a holster. The only ammunition authorized to be used in the departmental issued handgun while on duty, will be ammunition that is issued by the department. (CALEA 1.3.9b, 1.3.10, 1.3.11b)

During each session officers will fire a minimum of 10 rounds of shotgun ammunition. Shotguns utilized for qualification by Uniformed Services Division personnel, will be those assigned to that Division. Officers assigned to specialized units will utilize range shotguns. After qualifications are complete, the weapons will be cleaned by the individual officers, and inspected by the range officer, new ammunition will be issued for Uniformed Services Division weapons.

The course(s) of fire for both the pistol and shotgun training will be the course(s) designated by the Delaware Council on Police Training. A copy of the current course(s) of fire is maintained by the Commanding Officer of the Human Resources Division and the Range Officer. (CALEA 1.3.9c)

C. Off-Duty Weapons (CALEA 1.3.10)

Officers may be permitted to have up to [REDACTED] approved to carry while off duty. Weapons must be approved annually and will expire one year from the date of issue. Weapons, holsters, and ammunition will be provided by the requesting officer at their own expense, and fired satisfactorily on the minimum standards qualification course (total 50 rounds). Ammunition to be used in the off-duty weapon(s) will be commercially manufactured, unadulterated and of conventional design. Officers must qualify with ammunition that is equivalent to what they will carry in their off-duty weapon(s). Use of any explosive, armor piercing or shot encased projectiles in any off-duty weapon(s) is strictly prohibited.

Each officer must demonstrate proficiency with the off-duty weapon by being able to score at least 80 percent, and also display a full knowledge of the weapon's manual safety operation. (CALEA 1.3.10) Officers with semi-auto pistols will be required to have a minimum of two magazines. Officers with revolvers are encouraged to have speed loading devices. Off-duty weapons to be considered must have the following characteristics:

1. Minimum five shot capacity.
2. Minimum .30 caliber.
3. .44 magnums, .41 magnums, and .357 magnums WILL NOT be considered for approval.
4. Officers should purchase a high quality weapon. Even though they are higher in price, they offer safety features that cheaper versions do not. Semi-Automatic pistols designed to fire in single action will be required to have a minimum of two functioning safety features (i.e. manual safety; grip safety; firing pin lock out devices; etc.).

Upon qualifying, the shooter will be issued a Departmental Weapons Carry Card and an Off-Duty Weapon Authorization Form by the Range Officer. It is the shooters responsibility to forward these forms to the Chief's Office, through the Human Resources Division, for final approval.

NOTE: Officers are to refer to the Police Officer's Manual for departmental policy on carrying off-duty weapons.

D. Plain Clothes Holsters

Any plain clothes type holster to be used by sworn members of the Department of Police for carrying their service weapon or their authorized off duty weapon, should meet the following criteria:

1. Holsters should be in good working condition. No torn material, broken snaps or straps, etc.
2. Holsters should be worn in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
3. [REDACTED]
4. All holsters must hold the weapon when turned upside down and shaken moderately, and it should retain the weapon during a full run.
5. The minimum standards for any plain clothes magazine pouch will be that it shall be worn as specified by the manufacturer. It shall be designed to hold the magazine snug enough so that it will retain the magazine when turned upside down. The top can be an open style without a flap, however, it shall be designed to remain in place during a full run.

E. Special Weapons Qualifications

Special weapons training and qualification will be conducted for designated members of the C.M.T.T. Team members will receive familiarization and qualification firing with their assigned weapon. Due to the nature of the team, are required to qualify a minimum of once every two months. Each officer will be responsible for the care, cleaning, and storage of the weapon, and for the proper zero settings of the weapon to ensure mission readiness.

1. The courses of fire for each specialized weapon will enhance handling, marksmanship and safety. Detailed descriptions of each course of fire will be maintained by the firearms training officer.