

DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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STAFF DIRECTIVE 98-10

TO: Park Superintendents
District Superintendents
Parks Chief Ranger
Superintendent of State Parks

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SUBJECT: Update of Law Enforcement Policy and Guidelines

Enclosed are selected pages of our *Law Enforcement Policy and Guideline* incorporating revisions necessary to begin the transition of our duty handgun from revolver to pistol. The revised pages should replace the same numbered pages in your present guideline. New text (except headings) is shown as underlined and replaced text is shown as ~~strikeout~~.

Page 14 References to "revolver" have been changed to "handgun" in sections 7.1.4.4.2 through 7.1.4.4.5.

Page 16 References to "revolver" have been changed to "handgun" in sections 8.1.1.2 through 8.1.1.8.

Page 20 References to "revolver" have been changed to "handgun" in sections 8.1.2.2.1 and 8.1.2.2.8.

Page 24 Section 8.1.6.1 clarifies specifications for duty handgun by adding .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol. This section retains the .38-caliber revolver specifications to accommodate the transition training period. Future revisions of the guideline will eliminate the revolver as a duty handgun option.

Section 8.1.6.2 adds the present 4-inch duty revolver as an option for undercover, plainclothes, or backcountry duty. Persons retaining the present revolver for such use must requalify with it annually just as they do with the pistol.

Section 8.1.6.3 adds restrictions to authorized shotgun configurations by specifying standard straight stock and prohibiting after-market magazine extenders or other modifications of factory delivered shotguns.

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Page 24 Section 8.1.6.9 adds .45-caliber duty ammunition specifications and retains the .38-caliber ammunition specifications to accommodate the transition training period. This section also adds a requirement that practice rounds be equivalent to duty rounds in weight, load, and muzzle velocity.

Section 8.1.6.10 adds authorization for reduced recoil, tactical load shotgun ammunition. The Defensive Equipment Review Committee tested these loads and found them to be equal or superior in accuracy to standard loads while substantially reducing felt recoil.

Section 8.1.6.12 adds the specification for the new, synthetic laminate duty gear and adds the requirement that all semi-automatic pistol holsters, duty or close riding, must have a completely covered trigger guard for safety.

Page 25 References to "revolver" have been changed to "handgun" in section 8.1.6.12.1. Sections 8.1.6.13 through 8.1.6.16 adds the specifications for the new, synthetic laminate duty gear.

Section 8.1.6.17 adds pistol magazines to speed loaders as authorized handgun ammunition holders.

Section 8.1.6.27 — a new section — has been added to specify the new chemical agent carrier as part of the new, synthetic laminate duty gear.

These revisions to the policy and guideline are effective immediately.

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Attachment