

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

SHOTGUN USE
SUBJECT

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FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

INDEX: SHOTGUNS
REMINGTON 870 DEDICATED LESS LETHAL WEAPON SYSTEM
HANDLING SHOTGUNS

I. POLICY

- A. Members of the Stockton Police Department will handle the police shotgun as prescribed in this order.
 - 1. Any time a shotgun is handled administratively, it will be unloaded and the action will be opened prior to entering, and/or while within, the police facility.
- B. Officers are authorized to carry the Remington 870 shotgun in their police vehicles.
- C. Refer to General Order Q-1n (Use of Firearms) for information relating to the use of the Remington 870 Shotgun. Refer to General Order Q-1m (Less Lethal Weapon Systems) and General Order Q-1n (Use of Firearms) for information relating to the use of the Dedicated Remington 870 Less Lethal Weapon System.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

- A. Remington 870 shotgun – A pump-action, 12 gauge shotgun dedicated for the use of lethal ammunition by sworn personnel.
- B. Remington 870 Dedicated Less Lethal Weapon System – A pump-action, 12 gauge shotgun dedicated for the use of Less Lethal Munitions by sworn personnel who have been trained and qualified in its use.
- C. Lethal Munitions – Lethal Munitions are those munitions specifically designed to inflict lethal injury.
- D. Less Lethal Munitions - Less Lethal Munitions are those munitions specifically designed to be either hand delivered (in the case of sting ball grenades or diversionary devices), or fired from a Less Lethal Weapon System (12 gauge, 37mm, and 40mm). Less Lethal Munitions are not designed to inflict lethal injury, however a potential exists that lethal injury can be inflicted as a result of their use.

III. PROCEDURE

- A. Remington 870 Shotguns
 - 1. Remington 870 shotguns will be issued to qualified sworn personnel for use in the performance of their duties.
- B. Ammunition
 - 1. All ammunition for the Remington 870 shotgun will be the current type purchased/ issued by the Stockton Police Department.
- C. Storage

1. Each Remington 870 shotgun will be stored in its assigned berth in the Equipment Room locker as follows:
 - a. Mechanical safety engaged.
 - b. Action open.
 - i. It is the responsibility of the assigned officer to ensure that the weapon is rendered safe and clear prior to its being stored.
- C. Pre-Shift Inspection and Loading of the Remington 870 shotgun:
1. With the weapon's safety engaged and its muzzle pointed into a loading barrel (or the safest possible direction), physically and visually inspect the weapon and its magazine well to ensure it is unloaded and void of any ammunition.
 2. Visually inspect the issued ammunition, and ensure all rounds are in serviceable condition.
 - a. Any rounds of ammunition needing replacement due to lack of serviceability will be taken to the Range for training use. Replacement ammunition will be issued by Range personnel.
 3. To load the weapon, ensure the weapon's safety is engaged and the muzzle is pointed into a loading barrel (or the safest possible direction).
 4. Push the weapon's forend forward, locking it into place and closing the weapon's action.
 5. Insert four (4) rounds of ammunition into the weapon's magazine tube.
- D. Post-Shift Inspection and Unloading of the Remington 870 shotgun
1. With the weapon's safety engaged and its muzzle pointed into a loading barrel (or the safest possible direction), unload the weapon's magazine tube using the shell latches.
 2. Once the weapon's magazine tube has been unloaded, open the weapon's action and conduct a physical and visual inspection of the weapon's chamber and magazine tube to ensure it is void of any ammunition.
 3. Visually inspect the issued ammunition, and ensure all rounds are in serviceable condition.
 - a. Any rounds of ammunition needing replacement due to lack of serviceability will be taken to the Range for training use. Replacement ammunition will be issued by Range personnel.
 4. Ensuring the weapon's safety is engaged, action is open, and the muzzle is pointed in the safest possible direction, secure the weapon in its assigned rack in the Equipment Room.
- E. Maintenance
1. Only Department personnel holding a current armorer certification for the Remington 870 shotgun will be authorized to conduct any form of disassembly or maintenance of the Remington 870 shotgun.
 2. All Department shotguns will be inspected and serviced on an annual basis by Department personnel holding a current armorer certification for the Remington 870 shotgun. Records of maintenance will be maintained by the Department Rangemaster.

F. Qualification

- a. Refer to General Order Q-1f (Firearms Qualifications) for information regarding the qualification of the Remington 870 shotgun and Dedicated Remington 870 Less Lethal Weapon System.
- b. Refer to General Order Q-1n (Use of Firearms) for information relating to the use of the Dedicated Remington 870 shotgun.