

## **PATROL SHOTGUNS**

### **433.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

In order to more effectively and accurately address the increasing level of fire power and body armor utilized by criminal suspects, the University Police Cal Poly San Luis Obispo will make patrol shotguns available to qualified patrol officers as an additional and more immediate tactical resource.

### **433.2 PATROL SHOTGUN**

#### **433.2.1 DEFINITION**

A patrol shotgun is an authorized weapon which is owned by the Department and which is made available to properly trained and qualified officers as a supplemental resource to their duty handgun or patrol rifle. No personally owned shotguns may be carried for patrol duty unless pre-approved in writing by the Chief of Police and the department armorer.

### **433.3 SPECIFICATIONS**

Only weapons and ammunition that meet agency authorized specifications, approved by the Chief of Police, and issued by the Department may be used by officers in their law enforcement responsibilities. The authorized patrol shotgun issued by the Department is the Remington 870.

### **433.4 PATROL SHOTGUN MAINTENANCE**

- (a) Primary responsibility for maintenance of shotguns shall fall on the Rangemaster or his designee, who shall visually inspect and service each patrol shotgun on a quarterly basis.
- (b) The department armorer will conduct an inspection of the patrol shotgun every 2 years.
- (c) Each patrol officer carrying a shotgun may be required to field strip and clean an assigned shotgun as needed.
- (d) Each patrol officer shall be responsible for promptly reporting any damage or malfunction of an assigned shotgun to a supervisor or Rangemaster.
- (e) Any shotgun found to be unserviceable shall be removed from service. The shotgun shall be clearly labeled as out of service and details regarding the weapon's condition shall be included on the label.
- (f) Each shotgun shall be subject to inspection by a supervisor or the Rangemaster at any time.
- (g) No modification shall be made to any shotgun without prior written authorization from the Rangemaster.

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### **433.5 TRAINING**

Officers shall not carry or utilize the patrol shotgun unless they have successfully completed an initial patrol shotgun firearms course in the Police Academy or have completed departmental training. The training shall consist of the following:

- (a) Introduction-Overview, Course Objectives and Firearm Safety.
- (b) Nomenclature of Weapon- Weapon specifications, External Nomenclature, Internal Nomenclature, Disassemble/reassemble Shotgun and Cleaning.
- (c) Functioning of Weapon- Sights, Loading/Unloading of Weapon.
- (d) Fundamentals of Rifle Marksmanship- Sight Alignment, Sight Picture, Trigger Control, Breath Control and Follow Through
- (e) Firing Positions-Prone, Squatting, Sitting, Kneeling, and Standing
- (f) Live Fire Training- Reloading, Malfunctions, Failure Drills, Transition to Handgun, Shooting on the Move and Improvised Shooting Positions
- (g) Qualification Course: The initial patrol shotgun user's course and qualification score shall be with a certified Rangemaster. Officers shall thereafter be required to successfully complete semiannual qualification. Any officer who fails to qualify or who fails to successfully complete two or more department sanctioned training/qualification sessions within a calendar year will no longer be authorized to carry the shotgun without successfully retaking the initial shotgun user's course and qualification.

### **433.6 DEPLOYMENT OF THE PATROL SHOTGUN**

Officers may deploy the patrol shotgun in any circumstance where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the shotgun may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the shotgun may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Situations where the officer reasonably anticipates an armed encounter.
- (b) Situations where an officer reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower.
- (e) When an officer reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor.
- (f) When authorized or requested by a supervisor.

### **433.7 DISCHARGE OF THE PATROL SHOTGUN**

The discharge of the patrol shotgun shall be governed by the Department's Deadly Force Policy, Policy Manual § 300.

### **433.8 PATROL READY**

Any qualified officer carrying a shotgun in the field shall maintain the weapon in a patrol ready condition until deployed. A shotgun is considered in a patrol ready condition when it has been

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inspected by the assigned officer, the weapon's safety is on, chamber is empty, 5 slugs in the side saddle and a fully loaded magazine with 00 buck.

### **433.9 PATROL SHOTGUN STORAGE**

- (a) When not in use, patrol shotguns will be stored in the department armory.
- (b) Patrol shotguns may be stored in patrol vehicles, locked in the appropriate locking rack.
- (c) Shotguns may never be left in a vehicle when that vehicle is in the maintenance shop or left unattended for long periods of time.