

**AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
Advanced Officer Training
Learned Skills Unit**



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**AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
APPROVED WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION LIST**

This document supersedes all previously dated weapons and ammunition lists. It remains effective until approved updates and revisions are circulated.

1. This document is effective **January 1, 2014**, and applies to all city issued and personally owned weapons.
 - a. Officers who are on the authorized 1911 Handler list are grandfathered. (see 6)
 - b. Officers who obtained weapons under the provisions of previous weapons lists may continue to carry them on their weapons card until they are no longer serviceable.
2. Only weapons on the approved weapons list (listed by brand name and model number) are authorized. Variations of the approved models are allowed only if the variation to the existing approved model does not adversely affect the safety or function of the weapon. (Examples: light rails, DAK/LEM triggers, finish or grip material) Approval by the Commander of Training, or his designee, is required.
3. Any approved semi-automatic pistol that is added to an officer's list of weapons must be equipped with night-sights.
4. While dressed in any approved police uniform (Class A, Class B, Bike, etc.) approved subcompact models may be carried as back up weapons **ONLY**. Officers may choose to carry a subcompact handgun as their primary duty weapon while dressed in plain clothes.
5. Barrel porting is not approved for duty or off-duty use. Weapons with factory or after market compensators are not approved for duty/backup use.
6. Officers certified as 1911 Handlers are authorized to add and delete similarly approved weapons for the duration of their career. (Refer to addendum A)
7. Officers wishing to add weapons to this list must refer to the APD Policy Manual, 803.3(b) Authorized Weapons.
8. Approved firearms modifications. (Refer to addendum B)

I. APD Issued Primary Duty Weapon

Beginning January 1, 2012 the primary duty weapon for the Austin Police Department is the Smith & Wesson M&P .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol.

All sworn personnel are required to carry this weapon while wearing any approved police uniform. Please refer to the APD Policy Manual, section 801.3.

Sworn personnel assigned to a plain clothes assignment who wish to carry a full size handgun must carry the Smith & Wesson M&P .40. Sworn personnel assigned to a plain clothes assignment choosing to carry a compact or sub-compact weapon must choose one from the Department Approved Secondary Weapon list, highlighted below.

Sworn personnel assigned in an undercover capacity may carry any Department Approved handgun.

II. Department Approved Secondary Weapons

Weapons from the following list of approved manufacturers and models may be carried both on-duty (Plain clothes and undercover assignment) and off-duty. The only calibers allowed are 9MM, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP calibers. Compact and Sub-Compact models are highlighted in yellow.

Glock

Models 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 34, 35, 36

(See 4 above)

Heckler & Koch

USP-9, USP-40, USP-45, USP TAC 45, HK45, P30, P2000 series , P2000SK Variants allowing "single action only" carry are strictly forbidden. NO OFFICER will carry ANY H&K variant in "single action" or "locked and cocked" mode.

Compact versions of the H&K USP are not authorized.

(See 4 above)

Sig Sauer

Models P220, P225, P226, P228, P229, P239, SP2340, P245, P290.

(See 4 above)

Springfield

All compact, subcompact and full-size Model XD and XDm series pistols chambered in 9MM, .40 S&W and .45 ACP. (See 4 above)

Smith & Wesson

Any 3rd Generation S&W including Models 410, 457, 908, 910, 3913, 3953, 4013, 4053, 4513, 4553, 4043, 4043, 4006, 4046, 4563, 4566, 4583, 4586, 5906, 5946, 5903, 5943

S&W Model 99 is approved in 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP calibers.

S&W M&P Full size and Compact is approved in .40, 9mm and .45 ACP caliber and must **NOT** have the magazine disconnect.

S&W M&P Shield in 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP calibers. **Extended thumb paddle safety **NOT** approved. Safety must be factory spec.

Smith and Wesson Revolvers

M686, 2.5" Barrel; M649 Bodyguard; M60 Chief's Special; 340 and 340PD; 342 and 342PD; 442; 642; and 649.

Revolvers are authorized in .38 caliber and .357 Magnum only and may be equipped with fixed or floating firing pins.

Kahr Arms

P Series, PM Series, CW Series, K Series and MK Series in 9mm, .40 S&W and .45 ACP calibers.

III. Semi-Automatic Rifles

WEAPONS

1. AR-15 style – The following list of manufacturers are approved:

- ArmaLite
- Bravo Company
- Bushmaster
- CMMG
- Colt
- Daniel Defense
- DPMS
- LaRue Tactical
- LMT
- LWRC
- Noveske
- Olympic Arms
- POF
- Remington
- Rock River
- Ruger
- Smith & Wesson
- Sig Sauer
- Spike Tactical
- Stag Arms
- Superior Arms
- Troy Industry
- Underground Tactical Arms
- Yankee Hill

2. Sig 556
3. Department issued Heckler and Koch G36.

All rifles must have a factory built upper and lower receiver. They are not required to be matching as long as they are both factory built from a manufacturer on the approved list.

All semi-automatic rifles must comply with below listed rifle requirements.

Absolutely no BATFE Class II or Class III weapons will be allowed to be carried by any officer on-duty unless assigned to a specialized unit and upon approval from their commander.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE REQUIREMENTS

TYPE:	Magazine fed, gas operated or gas piston operated, semi automatic, black or parkerized finish.
CALIBER:	.223/5.56
BARREL LENGTH:	16" or longer unless otherwise approved by the Commander of a specialized unit, or his designee.
RECEIVER GROUP:	Must be constructed of metal or metal alloy.
WEAPON CONTROLS:	(i.e.) magazine release, safety, bolt release, charging handle, dust cover. (Right and Left hand controls allowed).
SIGHTS:	Weapons must be equipped with mechanical front and rear sights and a device or combination of devices that allow aiming the weapon in low-light conditions, such as: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Standard sights with weapon light2. Tritium front sight post3. Illuminated Optic (dot or reticle)4. Others as approved
MAGAZINES:	Maximum capacity 30 rounds

SLINGS: One, two and three point slings are approved. Single point slings require the use of a muzzle control device.

APPROVED DUTY AMMUNITION

Pistol

Winchester	38+p	125 gr.
Speer CCI Gold Dot	357	125 gr.
Speer CCI Gold Dot	9MM+p	124 gr.
Speer CCI Gold Dot	40 cal.	165 gr.
Speer CCI Gold Dot	45 cal.	230 gr.
Speer CCI Gold Dot	.380	90 gr.*

* Officers grandfathered to carry the .380 under previous lists may continue to do so but must provide their own ammunition for Duty, Training and Qualification purposes.

Rifle

Winchester Soft Point	.223 cal.	55 gr.
Federal Tactical Bonded	.223 cal	62 gr.

Shotgun-12 GA.

Remington Reduced Recoil 00 Buckshot	12 ga
Federal Tactical 00 Buckshot	12 ga
Remington Reduced Recoil Rifled 1 oz. Slug	12 ga.
Federal Reduced Recoil Rifled 1 oz. Slug	12 ga.

Issued ammunition will be replaced:

1. On a regular schedule as determined by the training division; and
2. On authority of the Learned Skills Unit Supervisor when the ammunition has been damaged or exposed to inclement weather.

Based on ammunition allocation, safety recall or any other unforeseen issue, the Commander of Training has authorization to approve ammunition from any manufacturer.

APPROVED HOLSTER

The Safariland 6360 Duty Holster will be the Department Issued holster to be worn as the primary duty holster while wearing an approved police uniform. Please refer to the APD Policy Manual, section 801.3.

The Department also authorizes the following level 3 duty holsters to be worn as the primary duty holster while wearing an approved police uniform. Please refer to the APD Policy Manual, section 801.3:

1. Safariland 6360 / STX Tac Finish / With or without light option
2. Safariland 070 SS III / Plain Black Finish
3. Blackhawk Serpa Auto Lock Level 3 Duty Holster / Matte Black

APPROVED BATONS

Officers may choose to carry a collapsible straight stick, rigid departmental issue straight stick, side handle baton or a combination of the above. Examples of batons designated as approved include but are not limited to:

1. ASP (collapsible)
2. Winchester (collapsible)
3. Monadnock (collapsible)
4. Rigid straight stick. Restricted to Departmental issue. (Wood, metal, or fiberglass construction)
5. PR-24 side handle baton (Collapsible or rigid. Fiberglass or metal construction). **

Officers wishing to carry batons other than those shown will be required to provide a sample of the new baton to the Austin Police Department equipment committee for assessment. The equipment committee will make a recommendation whether or not to approve the requested baton for departmental use.

Officers shall not alter or modify an approved baton without first submitting the baton with its alteration/modification to the Austin Police Department equipment committee for approval.

** Officers wishing to carry a PR24 side handle baton must attend and pass a PR24 certification course prior to carrying the baton.

Addendum A

Department Approved 1911 Handlers and Weapons

Effective March 15, 2005, the 1911 style pistol was dropped from the Austin Police Department Approved Weapons List. Those officers who had successfully passed the 1911 Handlers Course are authorized to continue carrying approved weapons. Officers who registered for a 1911 Handlers Course and presented an approved weapon for inspection prior to March 15, 2005, will be permitted to carry approved 1911 style pistols upon meeting training standards.

With the exception of those officers described above, no sworn member of the Austin Police Department is authorized by the agency to add a 1911 to their weapons card or carry the weapon on or off duty.

Unlike previous "grandfathered" criteria, authorized 1911 Handlers may add and delete approved weapons for the duration of their career, rather than for the serviceable life of the weapon. As such, the officer is grandfathered rather than the weapon.

All 1911 style weapons not identified as having series 80 or similar safeties must be equipped with titanium firing pin and a heavy duty firing pin spring. An ambidextrous thumb safety is required for left handed shooters. All 1911s must also be equipped with a functioning grip safety, disconnecter, and a hammer with a half cock notch.

All 1911 style weapons must be inspected by range personnel and approved by the Commander of training or his designee prior to the weapon being added to an officer's weapons card.

Department Approved 1911 Pistols

Officers authorized to carry 1911 style pistols may choose to carry full-size, compact and subcompact pistols from the following approved manufacturers:

Colt, Ed Brown, Kimber, Les Baer, Nighthawk, Para Ordnance, Sig Sauer, Springfield, Smith & Wesson, STI and Wilson Combat.

(See 4 above)

Addendum B

Department Approved Firearms Modifications

City issued firearms

1. Officers shall not alter or modify any part of a city issued firearm in any way.
2. The addition of a slip-on style Pachmayr grip (Black) or an approved weapon mounted light is allowed.

Fiber Optic Sights

1. Officers may purchase the following brands of Fiber Optic Sights to be installed on the city owned Smith & Wesson M&P duty pistol:
 - a. TruGlo T/FO Pistol Sights
 - b. Trijicon HD Sights
2. Fiber Optic Sights must have low-light illumination (tritium inserts) to comply with policy.
3. Sights must be installed by the department gunsmith.

Personally owned firearms

1. Officers shall not alter or modify any part of an approved weapon with the exception of ambidextrous controls or the addition of grips, refinishing, fiber optic sights, or night-sights.
 - a. Grips must be black or brown in color
 - b. Made of wood, rubber or synthetic material
 - c. Have standard machine checkering or stippling

Weapon Lights

Officers may purchase and add a weapon mounted light that meets the following requirements:

1. Pistol mounted lights must be equipped with a rocker style switch and must be activated with the officers non-shooting hand.
2. Pressure pad style switches are strictly prohibited for use with weapon mounted handgun lights.
3. Officers may only utilize weapon mounted lights when the use or potential use of a firearm would be reasonable under the circumstances.

The following weapon mounted lights are approved for use on pistols:

1. Surefire X200 or X300
2. Streamlight TLR-1
3. Insight M3

Laser sighting systems are not approved for use on any Department issued or personally owned firearm.