

# San Leandro Police Department Personal Patrol Rifle Program



**Objective** To allow officers to carry their personally owned AR-15 variant rifles while on duty.

## **Definitions**

**Rifle:** Any .223/5.56 mm semi-auto AR-15 variant rifle manufactured by a major firearms manufacturer.

**MIL-SPEC:** Refers to military specifications as it relates to materials, quality, size, shape, design of parts, tolerances between parts and their function within the weapon system.

**Specifications** Any personally owned AR-15 variant rifle to be approved for duty use shall meet the following specifications:

**Caliber:** Caliber shall be .223/5.56 mm.

**Color:** Color shall be MIL SPEC black or green.

**Barrels:** Barrel length of 16 inches with an approved flash hider attached. Barrel length of 14.5 inches will be approved if an approved flash hider is permanently attached and has a combined overall length of 16 inches. Flash hidere may include, but are not limited to, A2, A3, Phantom or any other approved flash hidere. Muzzle breaks shall not be approved.

**Forend:** Any standard or mid length MIL SPEC forend. "T" handles or vertical foregrips are not approved.

**Weapon lights:** Rifles shall have a dedicated weapon light system. Lighting systems shall be a 6 or 9 volt system dedicated to rifle use. All lighting systems are to be inspected and approved by a qualified departmental rifle armorer and must project a minimum of 200 lumens of light. Handgun weapon lights are not approved as rifle weapon lights. Approved systems manufacturers include, but are not limited to, Pentagon or Surefire.

**Upper Receivers:** Upper receivers shall be A2, A3 or A4 configurations. A2 configuration will be dedicated iron sights only. No optics permitted. A3 configuration will have an approved sighting system mounted directly on the receiver. In addition to the sighting system, a backup rear

iron sight must be attached and be visible through the optics. A4 configuration will be the same as A3 configuration and shall include a back up front iron sight.

- Optics: Optic sighting systems may include, but are not limited to, EO Tech or Aimpoint.
- Lower receivers: All lower receivers shall be in original manufacturer condition and meet MIL SPEC.
- Triggers: Triggers shall be either a single or 2 stage trigger with a minimum 4.5 pound trigger pull.
- Safety: Ambidextrous safeties are permitted but must be inspected and approved by a qualified departmental rifle armorer.
- Magazines: Magazines will generally be of aluminum or steel construction and conform to MIL SPEC. Magazines will be 30 rounds capacity. All other magazines shall be inspected and approved prior to use by a qualified departmental rifle armorer. Magazine accessories such as mag couplers may be approved upon demonstrated proficiency of its use. Taping magazines together is strictly prohibited.
- Grips: Pistol grips shall be MIL SPEC or approved by a qualified departmental rifle armorer.
- Butt stock: Butt stocks will be of A2 fixed or collapsible design. No magazine accessories or attachments of any similar nature shall be attached to the butt stock.
- Slings: Slings shall be of a variety that will allow the shooter to fire the weapon from either shoulder while the rifle is slung. Currently, the sling of choice is the VTAC sling. Any other slings must be inspected and approved by a qualified departmental rifle armorer.
- Ammunition: All officers will use departmentally approved and issued ammunition in their personally owned rifles.
- Carry options: Police officers personally owned rifles shall be carried in the rack within the patrol car. If the qualified departmental armorer prior to the rifle being approved for duty use. All officers shall have a soft sided case to be used to transport the rifle to and from the station.
- Qualification: All officers shall successfully qualify and demonstrate proficiency with their personal rifle prior to initial duty use. Qualification shall be required annually.
- Maintenance: All ongoing and periodic maintenance will be the sole responsibility of the officer. All personally owned rifles approved for duty shall be inspected annually by a qualified departmental rifle armorer. Armorer level maintenance shall be performed only by qualified departmental rifle armorers.
- Exceptions: Rifles owned and operated by current San Leandro SWAT team members may be afforded exception to this guideline upon approval of a qualified departmental rifle armorer.
- Discharge: Officers who discharge their personally owned rifles in the course of their duties shall be subject to the Use of Force policy.