

Chapter 18 AUTHORIZED WEAPONS

18.1 FIREARMS

All sworn personnel will receive training from a departmental firearm instructor prior to receiving a departmental issued firearm. These same individuals will receive and demonstrate an understanding of this department's Use of Force Policy and related directives before being authorized to carry any weapon.

All weapons including handguns, rifles, shotguns, expandable batons, Tasers and chemical agents shall be used only when necessary in the performance of duty or in training. Discharge or use of any weapon other than in training, requires an incident report and a Sergeants Force Report on the circumstances describing the use and cause for use.

All on duty officers shall be armed with a department-approved firearm. (Officers involved in undercover operations precluding them from being armed should receive supervisor approval prior to the operation.) While officers are on-duty, all firearms will be loaded only with department issued and/or approved ammunition. Department issued firearms carried off duty will only be loaded with department issued and or approved ammunition.

Only weapons and ammunition authorized by the Everett Police Department are to be used by agency personnel in law enforcement responsibilities. This directive includes all lethal, less lethal weapons and weapons utilized by the Tactical Team and other specialized personnel.

Special weapons such as, but not limited to, sniper rifles, automatic weapons, explosives, tear gas (other than O.C. Spray) may be employed only with the approval of a Command Staff Officer, and under the supervision of an officer designated by the Command Staff Officer. In an emergency situation, other than a riot or civil disturbance, where life is in immediate danger, the Incident Commander may authorize chemical and/or automatic weapons when used by qualified personnel. If this should occur, the Incident Commander must immediately notify the Operations Duty Lieutenant/ODO and/or Command Duty Officer/CDO.

A department-approved handgun intended for official use by any officer must meet the following requirements:

All firearms must be inspected, registered, fired and certified safe by the armorer.

The officer must demonstrate proficient use of the weapon during regular firearms qualification sessions.

The officer must meet training requirements with each approved weapon.

Modifications to department owned/issued firearms and ammunition are generally prohibited. A department armorer shall complete any such work.

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18.6 CAR-15 - LONG RIFLES

Officers who want to use a departmentally issued CAR-15 urban rifle for duty weapons may do so subject successful completion of the CAR-15 training program.

Weapon:

Weapon must be a CAR-15 (.223), in original manufactured condition; inclusive of weapon sling
No modifications are to be made to a department issued owned urban rifle, inclusive with the
✓ addition of optical sighting devices except for the following: a department authorized
flashlight attachment system and /or a department authorized Tactical sling.

Weapons are issued with two magazines capable of containing no more than 30 rounds each and
no additional magazines attached to the weapon.

Colt M-4 Carbine:

Tactical Team Members issued CAR-15's while assigned to Operations are authorized to carry
the Colt M-4 carbine on duty. The Tactical Team member must be trained and qualified with this
as their duty rifle.

No modifications are to be made to the department issued M-4 carbine, with the exception of the
attached optical sighting device (Eotech model 512.A65), authorized flashlight attachment
systems and authorized after-market handguards, installed and inspected by the department
armorer .

Tactical Team members utilizing the M-4 as their patrol duty rifle must deploy and use it in the
single shot selector position only. The use of the three round burst is strictly prohibited except
when assigned to special operations while under the immediate direction of the SWAT
Commander.

Training:

Participating officers shall successfully complete the department's urban rifle training program
Officers shall qualify semi-annually with the urban rifle;

Failure to qualify will result in the suspension of the privilege to carry the CAR-15 urban rifle;
Reinstatement to carry the CAR-15 is address in Chapter 18.10

Proficiency at breaking down, cleaning and reassembling the weapon along with knowledge and
✓ skill to recognize and clear malfunctions shall be evaluated semi-annually during semi-annual
qualification

Ammunition: