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URBAN POLICE RIFLE

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ISSUING AUTHORITY: BRIAN G. OWENS, CHIEF OF POLICE

I. PURPOSE

To establish policy and operational procedures for the required training, maintenance, and deployment of the Urban Police Rifle (UPR).

II. POLICY

In performing its mission to protect the people of the City of Troy, the Troy Police Department equips officers with weapons sufficient to control most field situations. In determining the type of weapons and ammunition routinely carried by officers, a careful balance must be achieved between our urban setting and the degree of danger we face. For anticipated events that pose a higher degree of danger, special units are equipped and trained to use more powerful weapons consistent with the anticipated threat level. However, unanticipated field situations may require immediate access to specialized weapons in order to control the situation, protect the community and the officers responding to the incident. In recognition of this need, this directive authorizes the field deployment of special weapons and ammunition.

The UPR is authorized for deployment when incidents involve a suspect(s) who is reasonably believed to be:

- wearing protective body armor, or
- armed with or who has immediate access to a firearm, or
- armed and situated in a distant or fortified location that affords the suspect(s) a tactically superior position, or
- actively engaged in conduct that creates a grave risk of death or serious physical injury to the officer or others by means of a firearm, explosive, or deadly weapon, or
- engaging in or about to engage in conduct and the officer reasonably believes the issued auto pistol alone is insufficient to defend against the suspect's action.

The use of UPR is intended to minimize the risk of death or serious bodily injury to officers and members of the community. Though the deployment of the UPR is usually restricted to spontaneous events, supervisory personnel may authorize their deployment on a pre-planned basis for extraordinary, high-risk events. Deployment of the UPR shall be in accordance with the Department's Use of Force Policy.

III. PROCEDURE

A. Assignment of UPR's:

All sworn members of the Troy Police Department shall demonstrate and maintain proficiency in the use of the Urban Police Rifle. Upon conclusion of the roll calls for each patrol platoon, the commanding officer is responsible for ensuring that at least one UPR is deployed in each of the four patrol zones during every shift. Patrol Sergeant's may, and are encouraged to, deploy additional UPR's beyond the minimum requirement.

1. Upon assignment, officers will acquire a weapon from the Bio-Metric Access Control System (BACS). Only those rifles specifically authorized by the Chief of Police shall be deployed.
2. The officer shall check the chamber to ensure the weapon is clear and rendered safe. Officers must complete this inspection when first acquiring the weapon.

B. Responsibilities of Personnel Equipped With a UPR

Members who are equipped with the UPR shall:

1. Visually inspect the ammunition and weapon. Any missing, damaged items or malfunctions shall be immediately reported to the patrol sergeant. The patrol sergeant shall ensure that a TPD Damaged Equipment Report is completed, and if necessary, remove said rifle from service. Department Firearm Instructors/ Department armorer shall be notified.
2. Members may elect to use a personally owned weapon (UPR) while on-duty, subject to the following provisions:
 - The weapon and ammunition shall conform in totality to the specifications of the department-issued UPR and ammunition. See section VII for specifications.
 - Demonstrate proficiency in the use of their personally owned rifle at least once per year or as otherwise directed by the Chief of Police, and
 - Receive written authorization from the Chief of Police once per year; a "Request to Carry Personal Firearms" form completed and signed by a Firearms Officer must accompany the authorization request.
3. While on duty, members must maintain their assigned rifle loaded in condition 3 status- action is closed on a verified empty chamber, and then, a fully loaded magazine is inserted into the magazine well of the rifle. If the UPR is deployed, the member will make the rifle ready by chambering a cartridge. At the conclusion of the incident, the rifle will be returned to condition 3 status. Any unfired cartridge that had been chambered will be

taken out of service and deposited in the ammunition collection container maintained at central station, and the magazine will be refilled to capacity.

4. Keep the UPR secured in the patrol vehicle gun rack for the member's tour of duty. Members using vehicles that are not equipped with a gun rack shall secure the rifle in the vehicle trunk compartment.
5. Quickly assess a situation to determine if a UPR deployment is warranted.
6. At the end of their tour, return the UPR and its associated magazines and equipment to the Bio-metric Access Control System (BACS). Prior to returning the UPR to BACS, the UPR will be cleared of ammunition, and rendered safe.

In the event the BACS is not operational the weapon will be returned to the Desk Sergeant.

IV. TRAINING

- A. Only members who have been trained and have qualified in the use of the Urban Police Rifle are authorized to possess or deploy a UPR while on-duty
- B. All sworn members of the Troy Police Department shall demonstrate proficiencies in the use of the Urban Police Rifle at least once per year or as otherwise directed by the Chief of Police.

VI. MAINTENANCE

- A. The Training and Human Resources Commander is responsible for ensuring that all UPR's in use by any member of the Troy Police Department are maintained and functional. Certified Firearms Instructors and/or armorer's will conduct routine inspections and maintenance as necessary.
- B. Department owned UPR's will be test fired annually to verify accuracy.
- C. Personally owned UPR's, carrying cases, and ammunition shall be inspected by a certified Firearms Instructor at each qualifications session.
- B. Modifications to, and maintenance of department owned Urban Police Rifles shall be performed only by certified Firearms Instructors and/or Armorer.
- C. Members that are authorized to carry personally owned rifles while on duty must maintain their rifle and its associated equipment in a serviceable condition to include the verification of accuracy throughout the duration of its authorized duty use.

VII. SPECIFICATIONS:

All AR-15 manufacturers, variant types, or modifications are subject to final approval of the Chief of Police. The duty use of any UPR (AR-15) by a member

of the Troy Police Department that does not meet these specifications is prohibited:

1. Factory built to meet military specifications and is chambered in .223 caliber (Remington) and/or 5.56 millimeter (NATO).
2. Features a barrel length of fourteen (14) to twenty inches (20). Any UPR barrel less than sixteen (16) inches must be approved by the Chief of Police.
3. Semi-automatic featuring iron sights, a fixed or collapsible stock and a tactical sling. Note: ERT members are excluded from the semi-automatic specification.
4. Integrated light system that meets military specifications and produces illumination capabilities of a minimum of sixty five (65) lumens.
5. Soft or hard carrying case.
6. Minimum of two (2) military specification magazines with a maximum capacity of thirty (30) rounds each.

VIII. MODIFICATIONS

All modifications to a UPR must be performed by a Troy Police Department armorer or certified Gunsmith. Any modifications other than the following must be approved by the Chief of Police.

1. Front night sight
2. Redi-mag
3. Magazine coupler
4. Ambidextrous safety
5. Replacement pistol grip & hand guards
6. Ambidextrous or extended charging handle
7. Tactical bolt catch
8. Muzzle compensator and/or flash hider
9. Sighting System commonly referred to as “reflex sights” must meet military specifications, non-magnifying, suitable for tactical close quarter’s engagement, and allow immediate access to iron sights if the system fails.