POLICY**:**

The very nature of police work requires officers to carry and/or be proficient in the use of several lethal and non-lethal weapons. The use of any weapon by an officer imposes a grave responsibility on the part of the officer and the department alike. It is the policy of this department to provide guidance and direction through written procedures and proper training, designed to instill confidence and minimize exposure to litigation. The purpose of this chapter is to describe the types of weapons and ammunition that may be carried and/or used by officers and the training and qualifications necessary to carry or use them.

PROCEDURES:

7. Patrol Rifles **(1.3.9a, 1.3.9f)**
   g. Officers should deploy their issued Tactical Body Armor for any incident involving the deployment of the Patrol Rifle or anywhere officers are encountering or may encounter gun fire from a rifle.