



## **Lakewood Police Department Policy and Procedure**

**Effective Date:  
03/24/2025**

### **Policy Number: PP – 4851 HANDGUNS**

A. Policy - None.

B. Procedure

1. Lakewood police agents are authorized to carry semiautomatic pistols as their primary duty weapon. Primary duty firearms may be carried off-duty.
2. Secondary handguns may be carried concealed on-duty. Uniformed personnel must conceal the secondary firearm, so it is not visible to the public. An agent's secondary firearm may be the same one carried off-duty.
3. All firearms must meet or exceed the manufacturer's minimum standards for safety and performance. Firearms must conform to the current specifications for authorized firearms as outlined by the Chief of Police Authorized Weapons and Ammunition.
4. Police Employees are responsible to maintain personal firearms, magazines, and speed loaders in a clean and well-operating condition.
5. Agents shall carry only that ammunition authorized by the Chief of Police.
6. Agents shall permit the department armorer to inspect their firearms prior to filing the Weapon Authorization Form and obtaining authorization to carry the weapon.  
  
Should a firearm fail to function properly at any time, certification by a gunsmith as to weapon serviceability may be required prior to allowing the weapon to be carried on or off duty.
7. Agents shall be required to demonstrate proficiency with the semi-automatic pistol or revolver in accordance with annual range training requirements.
8. Neither the City nor the department shall be under obligation to reimburse agents for any expenses incurred from mishandling or careless use of the weapon.
9. The department shall provide duty and range ammunition for this program.

C. Rule

1. Agents shall purchase at their own expense an approved semi-automatic pistol, additional magazines or speed loaders, authorized accessories and approved duty gear. All monetary costs except ammunition shall be borne by the employee.
2. Agents are authorized to carry the semi-automatic pistol after they have met the requirements of the training program for each weapon. Any remaining revolvers possessed by sworn personnel may only be carried as a secondary or off-duty weapon.
3. Agents shall demonstrate proficiency with the semiautomatic pistol or revolver before they are allowed to carry the weapon.
4. The firearm carried on duty shall be listed as the primary handgun for tracking weapon proficiency.

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