City of Newton
Police Department
GENERAL ORDER

CHIEF OF POLICE

GENERAL ORDER:	325
TO:	All Sworn Personnel
EFFECTIVE:	June 16, 1985
REVISED:	October 19, 2026
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SUBJECT:	Authorized Equipment
PURPOSE:	To establish and maintain preparedness and uniformity among all police personnel according to their assigned duties.
COMMENTARY:	Authorized and standardized equipment is an important factor in maintaining uniformity in preparedness, appearance, and ease in training.
GENERAL LAW:	Chapter 41, Section 98, provides in part that a police officer "may carry within the Commonwealth such weapons as the Chief of Police…shall determine."
RULES & REGULATIONS:	All police officers shall carry only authorized equipment. No officer shall carry any substitution of equipment except with the written permission of the Chief of Police.

1. The following equipment is authorized and shall be carried:

   a) One Glock pistol with 4" barrel (Model #22) or one Glock pistol with 3" barrel (Model #23). Officers who have successfully completed the department firearms transition course will carry nne Glock pistol with 4"barrel (Model #45) or one Glock pistol with 3.4" barrel (Model #43X)

   b) Three (3) fully loaded magazines of 40 caliber, 180 grain, controlled expansion ammunition, plus one round in the chamber with either the Glock Model #22 or the Glock Model #23.

      For officers issued the Glock 45 or 43X, officers will carry three loaded magazines of 9mm, 147grain controlled expansion ammunition, plus one round on the chamber of their firearms

   c) The appropriate issued belt, holster (Uncle Mikes or Safariland 6360 STX or Alien Gear Rapid Force level three holster), handcuffs, handcuff key, handcuff case and magazine pouch.

   d) One ASP F-26 Tactical Baton or Monadnock 26" Autolock Baton.

e) Sabre Red or Defense Technology 10% MK III Oleoresin Capsicum (Pepper) Spray or Sabre Red 10% .60 oz container (Detectives and Plaincloths)

f) One portable radio.

g) One portable radio case belt holder.

h) Official NPD badge and nametag.

i) Citation book(s), street directory, pen and notebook.

j) Flashlight (for illumination purposes only).

k) Traffic vest.

Note: In addition to the above, a specialist, so noted, may carry the following:

l) Officers assigned to Animal Control Department vehicle (538) may carry a Ruger 10/22 and a Glock 22 with a .22 conversion slide with a Winchester 22 rimfire 30 grain .22 ammunition.

m) Other specialists may be authorized to carry other models of firearms as approved on a case-by-case basis by the Chief of Police. The appropriate type and amount of ammunition will also be carried, to be determined by the armorer and approved by the Chief of Police.

n) Members of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (METROLEC) are authorized to carry the following weapons in the performance of their METROLEC duties:

LWRC IC-A5 Rifle
Winchester 64 grain .223 ammunition

Combined Tactical Systems OC Vapor Model# 6340
Combined Tactical Systems Riot CS Smoke Model# 6230
Combined Tactical Systems Tactics Grenade CS Smoke Model# 8230
Combined Tactical Systems Mini Bang Model# 7290M
Combined Tactical Systems Stingball Model# 9590
Combined Tactical Systems OC Stingball Model# 9594
Combined Tactical Systems CS Stingball Model# 9593

Penn Arms GL 1-40
Penn Arms GL 1-40-C
Penn Arms PGL65-40
Penn Arms GL6-40
Defense Technologies 40mm Multi Launcher

Combined Tactical Systems Barricade OC Model# 4340
Combines Tactical Systems Foam Baton Model# 4557

2. Full-time officers who are trained and qualified are authorized to use the following:

a) Ruger Patrol Rifle using Winchester 64 grain .223 ammunition.

b) 40 mm LMT (Lewis Machine and TOM) Launcher using Defense Technology 6325 eXact Impact sponge rounds.
c) Axon Enterprise Taser model 10

3. Bureau Commanders shall make, or cause to be made, frequent inspections of their subordinates for all equipment that is authorized and verify that it is being carried. They shall also make inspections as to the condition, type and number being carried.

4. Officers are not to alter or change or attempt to alter or change or repair their department issued service weapons. All weapons that are in need of repair or adjustment shall be made through Special Operatios and by a certified department armorer.

5. Officers must use due care to maintain the security of issued equipment at all times, especially equipment stored at home or stowed in the passenger or trunk compartments of cruisers or personal vehicles. The theft or loss of issued equipment must be immediately reported to the Officer-in-Charge, Support Services Bureau Commander and Special Operations Bureau Commander (if involving an issued or authorized weapon, lethal or less than lethal)

Per order of:



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Chief of Police