

Patrol Rifles

434.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In order to more effectively and accurately address the increasing level of fire power and body armor utilized by criminal suspects, the Broadmoor Police Department will make patrol rifles available to qualified patrol officers as an additional and more immediate tactical resource.

434.2 PATROL RIFLE

434.2.1 DEFINITION

A patrol rifle is an authorized weapon which is owned by the Department and which is made available to properly trained and qualified officers as a supplemental resource to their duty handgun or shotgun. No personally owned rifles may be carried for patrol duty unless pre-approved in writing by the Chief of Police and the department Rangemaster.

434.3 SPECIFICATIONS

Only weapons and ammunition that meet agency authorized specifications, approved by the Chief of Police, and issued by the Department may be used by officers in their law enforcement responsibilities. The authorized patrol rifle issued by the Department is the Colt M16/AR15, HK MP5, Ruger M14/GB14, Uzi and M1 Carbine.

434.4 RIFLE MAINTENANCE

- (a) Primary responsibility for maintenance of patrol rifles shall fall on the Rangemaster or armorer who shall inspect and service each patrol rifle on a monthly basis.
- (b) Each patrol officer carrying a patrol rifle may be required to field strip and clean an assigned patrol rifle as needed.
- (c) Each patrol officer shall be responsible for promptly reporting any damage or malfunction of an assigned patrol rifle.
- (d) Each patrol rifle shall be subject to inspection by a supervisor, the Rangemaster or Armorer at any time.
- (e) No modification shall be made to any patrol rifle without prior written authorization from the Rangemaster or armorer.

434.5 TRAINING

Officers shall not carry or utilize the patrol rifle unless they have successfully completed departmental training. This training shall consist of an initial 12-hour patrol rifle user's course and qualification score with a certified patrol rifle instructor. Officers shall thereafter be required to successfully complete annual training and qualification conducted by a certified patrol rifle instructor.

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Any officer who fails to qualify or who fails to successfully complete department sanctioned training/qualification sessions will no longer be authorized to carry the patrol rifle without successfully retaking the initial patrol officers user's course and qualification.

434.6 DEPLOYMENT OF THE PATROL RIFLE

Officers may deploy the patrol rifle in any circumstance where the officer can articulate a reasonable expectation that the rifle may be needed. Examples of some general guidelines for deploying the patrol rifle may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Situations where the officer reasonably anticipates an armed encounter
- (b) When an officer is faced with a situation that may require the delivery of accurate and effective fire at long range
- (c) Situations where an officer reasonably expects the need to meet or exceed a suspect's firepower
- (d) When an officer reasonably believes that there may be a need to deliver fire on a barricaded suspect or a suspect with a hostage
- (e) When an officer reasonably believes that a suspect may be wearing body armor
- (f) When authorized or requested by a supervisor

434.7 DISCHARGE OF THE PATROL RIFLE

The discharge of the patrol rifle shall be governed by the Department's Deadly Force Policy, Policy Manual § 300.

434.8 PATROL READY

Any qualified officer carrying a patrol rifle in the field shall maintain the weapon in a patrol ready condition until deployed. A rifle is considered in a patrol ready condition when it has been inspected by the assigned officer, the fire selector switch is in the safe position, the chamber is empty and a fully loaded magazine is inserted into the magazine well.

434.9 RIFLE STORAGE

- (a) When not in use, patrol rifles will be stored in the department armory in rifle racks.
- (b) At the start of each assigned shift, any qualified, on-duty officer may access the department armory.
- (c) At the end of the assigned officer's shift, the patrol rifle will be returned and secured in the department armory.