

Firearm Safety

325.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Peace Officers are entrusted with a great amount of responsibility when it comes to the carrying and handling of a firearm. With this responsibility, comes the expectation that you as a Peace Officer shall place safety first and foremost. The purpose of this policy is to give clear direction as to the extreme care to be utilized when handling any Firearm. Although 325.2 may not be inclusive of all potential situations which may arise, safety shall always be of utmost concern of all Department Members.

325.2 SAFETY EXPECTATIONS

1. Firearms shall not be used in any training exercise that is not under the direct control and supervision of Training Division staff. The only exception to this, is training performed by the Special Weapons and Tactics team and only under the direct supervision of one or more team supervisors.
 - (a) Firearms shall not be used in any field training exercise or scenario.
 - (b) Firearms shall not be unholstered, displayed, or demonstrated in any public place except as permitted in this chapter.
 - (c) Firearms shall be carried in a clean, fully operable condition. Cleaning of firearms will be done in safe location, away from others, and out of the public view, unless such cleaning is under direct supervision and control of Training Division staff.
 - (d) Every firearm shall at all times be treated as a loaded firearm.
 - (e) Firearms shall not be carelessly handled at any time.
 - (f) Firearms shall not be irresponsibly dry fired, cleaned, repaired, exhibited, loaded, or unloaded, in any place where accidental discharge could cause personal injury or death to another.
 - (g) Loaded firearms shall not be pointed at any person or thing unless the need for lethal force exists.