

**STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER**

**COLT M-16A RIFLE  
SUBJECT**

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**TO:** ALL PERSONNEL

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**I. POLICY**

The M-16A Patrol Rifle will be deployed from its mounting system in the field if there is an immediate life threatening circumstance present. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, active shooter incidents, credible reports of armed suspects, and incidents where deadly force would be justified in accordance with General Order Q-1.

**II. WEAPONS SPECIFICATIONS**

The Colt M-16A Rifle is an air cooled, gas operated, magazine fed, semi automatic weapon that is chambered for the 5.56 mm (.223 Remington) caliber cartridge. The Colt M-16A Rifle has a barrel length of 21" and an overall length of 39". The sighting system for the Colt M-16A Rifle is a mechanical iron peep sight system. The range of this sight is 0-800 yards with distance compensation.

**III. PROCEDURES**

**A. Ammunition**

1. All ammunition for the M-16 Rifle will be individually assigned by the Personnel and Training equipment officer.
2. Each Colt M-16A Rifle will have two (2) magazines, one containing twenty rounds and one containing thirty rounds. The twenty round magazine will be in the weapon during normal in-service operation with the thirty round magazine carried in the vehicle as a back up.

**B. Storage of the M-16 Rifle**

1. It is the individual's responsibility to remove the M-16 Rifle from the vehicle after the end of every shift. At no time will the M-16 be allowed to remain in the vehicle.
2. M-16s assigned to the Main Police Facility will be stored in the secured storage area in the equipment room.
3. M-16s are positioned in the vehicle in the same manner as the shotgun with the M-16 in the passenger side gun lock. The Electronic and key release system operates both weapons.
4. M-16s will not have a round chambered unless actively deployed during an incident.
5. The M-16 will be returned to the secured storage area unloaded with the bolt home, fire selector in the safe position, magazine removed, and dust cover closed.
6. Maintenance records for the M-16 rifles shall be maintained by the department Range Master.

**C. Issuance of Weapon**

1. Only sworn personnel who have received formal training shall be authorized to deploy the M-16.

2. Sworn personnel shall be responsible for electronically checking out the M-16 through Revolution located in the secure storage area.
3. Sworn personnel will be issued two magazines, one twenty and one thirty round magazine by the Personnel and Training equipment officer.
4. Sworn personnel assigned an M-16 will log the serial number of the weapon into their unit history.
5. It is the responsibility of the sworn personnel to ensure that the weapon is rendered safe prior to storage.

D. Pre-Service Inspection

1. Personnel checking out an M-16 from storage will do the following outside the vehicle or building:
  - (a) Remove any magazine from the weapon.
  - (b) Retract the bolt and ensure that no round is chambered.
  - (c) Perform a function check.
    - (1) Release the bolt back into battery and pull the trigger while the fire selector lever is in the safe position, nothing should happen.
    - (2) Put the selector lever on semi and pull the trigger and hold it to the rear, the hammer should fire.
    - (3) Pull the charging handle to the rear and release it again.
    - (4) Slowly release the trigger and you should hear the sear reset.
    - (5) Move the fire selector lever back to safe and close the dust cover.
  - (d) Insert the twenty round magazine into the weapon and place it into the gun mounting system provided.

E. Post Deployment Procedure

1. Personnel who have chambered a round in the weapon during a deployment where the weapon was not discharged shall:
  - (a) Remove the magazine.
  - (b) Retract the bolt and remove the chambered round.
  - (c) Release the bolt back into battery and put the fire selector on safe. There is no need to, nor should, personnel squeeze the trigger.
  - (d) Replace the round in the magazine and insert the magazine back into the weapon.
  - (e) Place the weapon back into the gun mounting system.
  - (f) Report the method of deployment in the form of a daily unit entry or applicable police report.
2. Any personnel discharging the weapon shall adhere to applicable existing policy.

F. Service and Cleaning

1. Personnel shall not clean or service any M-16s.
2. The department Range Master is responsible for the following:
  - (a) Cleaning and maintenance of all M-16s.
  - (b) Maintenance of M-16 service records.

G. Range Qualification

1. Sworn personnel below the rank of Lieutenant shall qualify with the M-16 every first and third quarter of the calendar year.
2. The M-16 Qualification Course is as follows:
  - (a) 20 rounds from 50 yard line.
    - (1) 5 rounds from prone position.
    - (2) 5 rounds from seated position.
    - (3) 5 rounds from kneeling position.
    - (4) 5 rounds from strong side barricade.
  - (b) 10 rounds from 25 yard line.
    - (1) 5 rounds unsupported standing position.
    - (2) 5 rounds unsupported kneeling position.
  - (c) Target will be the FBI, "Q" (Bottle) target.
  - (d) Minimum passing score is (27) hits in the scoring area.