



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Policies and Procedures

TITLE: FIREARMS - HANDGUNS		NO: G-700	
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POLICY

Authorized Handguns:

The following handguns are the standard duty pistols authorized for use by the Kern County Sheriff's Office. They are unmodified from the Glock factory and not personally owned.

- Glock Model G47 MOS 9mm (PA475S302MOSA2A), Aimpoint ACRO P2, B&T adapter plate, Ameriglo XL sights, with 17 round Glock factory magazines
- Glock Model G47 MOS 9mm (PA475S702MOS), Glock tritium sights, with 17 round Glock factory magazines
- Glock Model G17 (Gen3) 9mm with 17 round Glock factory magazines (Park Rangers)
- Glock Model G26 9mm (PA2650701) with 10 round Glock factory magazines

Pistol Mounted Optic:

The Aimpoint ACRO P2 is the only authorized pistol mounted optic for use on any duty pistol.

Pistol Mounted Lights:

The only authorized pistol mounted lights are:
 Streamlight TLR-1 or TLR-1 HL
 Surefire X300

Authorized Modifications:

Vickers Tactical (VTMFP-001 BLK) magazine floor plates are an authorized modification to be installed by the Firearms Training Unit staff.

PROCEDURE

All authorized personnel will carry the standard duty pistol on their person while on duty except when:

- Attending to duties within a Sheriff's Office Detentions facility.
- Ordered otherwise by competent authority.

Only Sheriff's Office authorized armorers may make repairs or modifications to Sheriff's Office owned pistols.

All pistols carried on duty will be inspected regularly by a Sheriff's Office Armorer. The condition and configuration of the pistol will be recorded in a permanent file. Sheriff's Office Armorers will immediately correct and report any unauthorized modifications in writing to the Personnel Division Commander.

Duty pistols will be kept clean and presentable. Duty pistols will be maintained on a regular basis in accordance with instruction provided by the Training Section.

Lateral Deputy Sheriffs and Lateral Detentions Deputies coming into the Kern County Sheriff's Office will be directed to report to the Rangemaster for evaluation of their proficiency in the use of the Glock. In determining whether the lateral must attend the Glock Transition course prior to carrying a Glock on duty, the Rangemaster will take into consideration the lateral's prior experience and training in the use of firearms, the type of weapon the lateral has carried on duty in his/her prior position, and his/her performance at the Range in the handling of a Glock. Prior to being authorized to carry a Glock on duty, the lateral will be required, at a minimum, to pass the Sheriff's Office standard qualification course with a Glock, demonstrate a clear understanding of the operation of the Glock, and demonstrate proficiency in field stripping the weapon.

Deputies carrying firearms approved for duty use under previous versions of this policy may continue to carry that firearm until they have completed transition training. Provisions of that policy as they relate to firearms other than the Glock Model G47, G17, and G26 will remain in effect until the Sheriff's Office transition to 9mm handguns is complete.

PLAIN CLOTHES

Authorized personnel assigned to the Special Investigations Division and working in an undercover capacity may carry the Sheriff's Office issued Glock Model G26 pistol as their primary duty pistol, after complying with the following requirements:

- The deputy's Bureau Chief has so authorized.
- The deputy has qualified on the standard duty pistol qualification course of fire with the Model G26 according to procedures established in KCSOPPM G-200.
 - The back-up firearms course of fire will not be an acceptable qualification course unless the G26 is carried as a back-up pistol in conjunction with their primary G47 duty pistol.
 - A rifle or shotgun shall not replace the standard duty pistol (G47 or G17) as a primary duty weapon.

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Sworn staff members carrying a concealable firearm while not in complete uniform should conceal the weapon whenever practical. If circumstances make it impractical to keep the weapon concealed, the staff member is to be clearly identified as a Sheriff's Office member by displaying the Sheriff's Office badge and/or Sheriff's Office identification card prominently outside of their clothing.

Any non-peace officer staff member authorized by a Concealed Weapons Permit to carry a firearm will carry the firearm concealed at all times.

RESERVE DEPUTIES and RESERVE PARK RANGERS

Reserve Deputies and Reserve Park Rangers will carry a Sheriff's Office issued Glock after completing all necessary training and qualifications.

AMMUNITION

Deputy Sheriffs assigned to uniformed duty and Detentions Deputies while assigned to armed duties shall carry their duty weapon fully loaded with Sheriff's Office approved ammunition and in addition, shall carry a minimum of two additional magazines fully loaded with Sheriff's Office approved ammunition.

Deputy Sheriffs assigned to detectives or other plain-clothes duty in the field shall carry the prescribed duty weapon, fully loaded with Sheriff's Office approved ammunition and in addition, shall carry a minimum of one additional magazine fully loaded with Sheriff's Office approved ammunition on their person in a magazine pouch.

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