



Kern County Sheriff's Office
Policies and Procedures

TITLE: FIREARMS-MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO FIREARMS OR FIREARMS ACCESSORIES	NO: G-1010		
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POLICY

Development of new firearms, firearms accessories, and firearms procedures is ever changing. As such, many new improvements in firearms, accessories and procedures become available to help law enforcement do its job more effectively and more safely. While not all such changes are necessarily for the better, many are, and should be evaluated for incorporation into the Sheriff's Office's equipment inventory or policies and procedures.

The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for recommendation, evaluation, and implementation of new firearms, firearms accessories, or procedures for the Sheriff's Office which will benefit the Sheriff's Office in fulfillment of its duties.

DIRECTIVE A – Recommendations for New Products or Procedures

When any member of the Sheriff's Office finds what they believe would be beneficial new firearms, firearms accessories, or procedures or modifications to any existing firearms, firearms accessories, or procedures, they will submit their recommendations to the Sheriff's Office Rangemaster through the Training Section Lieutenant.

DIRECTIVE B - Evaluation of Recommended New Products or Procedures

When the Rangemaster receives recommendations for new firearms products or procedures, he/she shall at his/her discretion:

- Personally, evaluate the product or procedure; or,
- Have range staff evaluate the product or procedure and report their findings to him/her; or
- Establish a committee to test and evaluate the product or procedure and report their findings to him/her.

The Rangemaster will then either recommend for or against acquisition of the product or implementation of the procedure through his/her chain of command to Administration.

DIRECTIVE C – Implementation of New Firearms Products or Procedures

Upon receipt of the Rangemaster's recommendations in favor of implementing new products or procedures, the Administration will consider the feasibility within policy and financial resources.

- If Administration decides to implement a recommendation for procedural changes to firearms policy and procedures, they will notify the commander of the Personnel

Division to implement the new procedures and prepare written changes to this manual to reflect those changes; or if the recommendation is for addition to, or modification of, firearms or firearms accessories, to the commander of the Civil Division to arrange for the Property Room to procure the product and issue it.

- If Administration decides not to implement the recommendation they will advise the Personnel Division commander to advise the Rangemaster and the recommending party.

No additions or modifications to firearms, firearms accessories, or firearms policies and procedures will be implemented by any member of the Sheriff's Office without following these procedures and express approval of such changes by Administration.

Any member who changes, modifies, or adds any such firearms equipment or procedures in violation of this policy may be found in violation of section B-100 or this manual and be subject to disciplinary measures pursuant to sections D-200 or D-300 of this manual.

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