4-02/010.00 Security Officer Firearm Policy

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 12031(D) (4): Uniformed security guards or night watch persons employed by any public agency, while acting within the scope and course of their employment.

CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE 12031(D)(5): Uniformed security guards, regularly employed and compensated in that capacity by persons engaged in any lawful business, and uniformed alarm agents employed by an alarm company operator, while actually engaged in protecting and preserving the property of their employers or on duty or en route to or from their residences or their places of employment, and security guards and alarm agents en route to or from their residences or employer-required range training.

- Security Officers shall not carry a firearm until they have completed their firearms training and have shot a qualifying score.
- Firearms issued to Security Officers shall be secured only in designated locker or safe within a County facility whenever the officer is not on duty.
- Security Officers shall only carry a Department-issued firearm.
- Security Officers are required to meet the peace officer handgun qualification standards as prescribed in the Manual of Policy and Procedures. Security Officers may, with the approval of their supervisor, take their duty weapon from their assigned place of work in order to practice qualifying for a shooting bonus. A "Security Officer Off-Duty Firearm Agreement" form, (See “Forms” on the CSDNet) shall be completed for each occasion a Security Officer wishes to practice with their weapon other than normal duty periods.
- Security Officers shall not carry a backup or second firearm.
- Security Officers are not expected to use or qualify with the shotgun.
- Security Officers are eligible for bonus shooting pay.
- Except as provided above, the policy, rules, and restrictions in the use of firearms, prescribed for deputy personnel in the Manual of Policy and Procedures, shall also apply to Security Officers.