

12-03 SECURING OF TACTICAL WEAPONS

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SUBJECT: **CARSON STATION MANAGEMENT DIRECTIVE 12-03
SECURING OF TACTICAL WEAPONS**

A. Purpose

The purpose of this order is to establish policy for the proper securing of the AR-15 and the Benelli M2 shotgun by Carson Station personnel.

B. Background

The deployment of AR-15 rifles provides personnel with the capability to deliver accurate fire at much greater distances than with a handgun, and it provides added levels of protection from armed suspects. The Benelli M2 provides deputy personnel the option of a semi-automatic shotgun and is an effective weapon during tactical operations. These weapons must be safely secured when not deployed.

C. Scope of Policy

This policy will establish guidelines and procedures concerning the above tactical weapons and ***shall*** be adhered to by all Carson Station personnel.

D. Accountability

Only Carson Station personnel who successfully complete the mandatory training will be allowed to deploy the AR-15 rifle and the Benelli M2 shotgun. Only Department-owned AR-15 and Benelli M2 shotguns shall be issued to deputy personnel authorized to deploy them. **On-duty use of personally owned AR-15 rifles and Benelli M2 shotguns is prohibited.**

1. POLICY

A. Weapon Security

The AR-15 rifle ***shall*** normally be carried locked in the rifle rack of patrol units equipped with a rack. Otherwise, the rifle ***shall*** be carried in a Department-authorized case secured in the cargo carrying area of the

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vehicle. The rifle ***shall*** be carried with the bolt closed on an empty chamber, safety on, and a loaded magazine in the weapon.

The weapons maintained at Carson Station, unless deployed in field supervisor or rifle cars, ***shall*** be stored in the armory. Under no circumstances will these weapons be stored in personal lockers, personal vehicles, or in county vehicles when not in use.

When the Benelli M2 shotgun is not in use, the weapon ***shall*** be stored in a secure location in its carry bag. This means a locked county facility within a secure locked storage locker or in the station's armory.

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The weapons maintained at each Station/Unit, unless deployed in field supervisor or rifle cars, shall be stored in the armory or in a secured locker when they are issued exclusively to specific qualified personnel. Cleaning of the patrol rifle shall only be performed by personnel possessing current patrol rifle qualification. Maintenance and repair shall be performed by armorers of the Weapons Training Unit. Station/Unit personnel shall not break down or "field strip" patrol rifles except as required for cleaning purposes. Unit Commanders shall ensure that all equipment issued by the Weapons Training Unit associated with each rifle — such as optics, magazines, flashlights, slings, and ammunition carriers — are accounted for and serviceable.

Unit Commanders shall ensure all weapons at their facilities are rotated for use during the training of assigned personnel. This shall be done to ensure the weapons are functioning properly, are accurately sighted for field use, and are cleaned on a regular basis.

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