Chapter II- Equipment

• 2-1 Benelli Shotgun

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-1**

Subject: **BENELLI SHOTGUN**

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POLICY

The Benelli Super 90 shotgun is authorized for use by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Bureau.

The weapon is a 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun with a magazine capacity of seven (7) or five (5) 2-3/4" shotgun shells.

This weapon is to be deployed and used during Narcotics Bureau operations by qualified personnel. Qualification shall consist of a four (4) hour training class conducted at the all-purpose range located at the Pitchess Honor Rancho range, by a qualified firearms instructor. Those participating in this class must demonstrate proficiency with the weapon. An annual re-certification is required and shall consist of a (4) hour refresher course with a qualified instructor.

The weapon shall be loaded with only 2-3/4" #4 or #00 buckshot. The weapon shall be loaded to capacity (7 or 5 rounds in the magazine) when deployed. The weapon shall not be initially deployed with rifled slug rounds in the chamber or magazine. Due to rapid and evolving circumstances, any detective, after assessing his/her situation concludes that the need for slugs exists, he/she is authorized to deploy such ammunition.

Each weapon shall have a tactical sling affixed to it. This sling shall not be removed. Care of the weapon shall be the responsibility of the deputy assigned the weapon and checked by the Crew Sergeant. Each month the weapon shall be inspected, cleaned, and lubricated using the respective station's shotgun cleaning equipment. NOTE: It is essential that this be accomplished to ensure the reliability and longevity of this weapon.

The Benelli shotgun shall be test fired and evaluated by the range staff during the annual shotgun test firing. This task shall be conducted by the training staff.

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• 2-2 Use of County Vehicles

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-2**

Subject: **USE OF COUNTY VEHICLES**

Effective Date:	07/01/2008	Last Date Revised:	10/15/2019

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide Unit policy and procedures for use of the Narcotics Bureau vehicle fleet.

Narcotics Bureau provides personnel with vehicles to be used for County business and are assigned under two conditions:

1. POOL VEHICLES:

Crew Sergeants are responsible for routine and scheduled maintenance and will be notified of such, by the Narcotics Bureau Headquarters staff.

2. ASSIGNED VEHICLES:

Due to their flexible hours and the nature of their work, personnel assigned to specific assignments may drive their assigned vehicles home. It is the operator's responsibility to arrange for routine and scheduled maintenance when notified by the Narcotics Bureau Headquarters staff. If the assigned operator is to be off work for an extended period of time, the vehicle must be returned to Narcotics Bureau Headquarters or parked at a secured County facility (i.e.: fenced in Sheriff's Station).

County issued equipment shall not be left unsecured or overnight in a County vehicle. Reasonable caution shall be exercised in leaving equipment in an unattended vehicle during regular work shifts. All personnel are reminded of MPP Section 3-01/090.05, which states, "A member shall not use a County vehicle without the knowledge or permission of his supervisor".

Any deviation from this policy requires the pre-approval of a Zone Lieutenant or the Unit Commander. If a Zone Lieutenant or the Unit Commander pre-approved an employee to take home a pool vehicle, both the employee and the approving supervisor shall note the approval along with a brief explanation of the reason the vehicle is being taken home, (e.g. early travel to a training site, special operation, etc.), in both the employee's and the manager's red book.

NOTE: If questions arise about the authorization for use of a vehicle and neither the supervisor nor the employee have notations in their red book and the manager has no independent recollection of giving approval, a rebuttable presumption will exist that the employee was using the vehicle without authorization.

TRANSPORTING UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS, (Take Home & Pool Vehicles)

MPP section 3-01/090.15 prohibits the transporting of unauthorized persons in a County owned vehicle without the prior approval of a supervisor. In a rare situation where an employee must transport a non-employee in a County vehicle, pre-approval shall be obtained from a Zone Lieutenant or the Unit Commander. If a Zone Lieutenant or the Unit Commander pre-approved an employee to transport a non-employee in a take home or pool vehicle, both the employee and the approving manager shall note the approval along with a brief explanation of the reason the transportation is necessary, (e.g. family emergency, witness transportation, etc.), in both the employee's and the supervisor's red book.

NOTE: If questions arise about the authorization for transportation of a non-employee and neither the supervisor nor the employee have notations in their red books and the supervisor has no independent recollection of giving approval, a rebuttable presumption will exist that the employee was transporting a non-employee without authorization.

VEHICLE OPERATIONS

Personnel shall not allow a non-employee or unauthorized person to operate a County owned vehicle, MPP 3-01/090.15.

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• 2-3 Vehicle Mileage & Condition Report and Maintenance Schedule

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-3**

Subject: **VEHICLE MILEAGE & CONDITION REPORT, SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

Effective Date:	07/01/2008	Last Date Revised:	10/15/2019
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POLICY

A Vehicle Mileage/Condition Report will be prepared by those personnel/units with vehicles assigned to them, and submitted to the fleet maintenance coordinator by the due date.

The fleet coordinator will send a Service Schedule form or email to those personnel/units with vehicles assigned to them. The scheduled services and additional maintenance items denoted on this form/email should be handled when due, and the repair order forwarded to the fleet coordinator.

A copy of Vehicle Mileage/Condition Report and repair order is attached.

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• 2-6 Colt AR-15 (M4) Rifle

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-6**

Subject: **COLT AR-15 (M4) RIFLE**

Effective Date:	07/01/2008	Last Date Revised:	10/15/2019
Last Date Reviewed:	04/01/2021	Next Review Date:	04/01/2022

I. CONCEPT AND ISSUES

A. Purpose

The purpose of this order is to establish policy and training for the use and deployment of the Colt AR-15 (M4) rifle during Narcotics Bureau tactical operations. Compliance with this order will enhance the safety of all

personnel and comply with Departmental training policies related to AR-15 (M4) qualification.

B. **Background**

Due to the sophisticated firepower that Narcotics Bureau personnel are confronted with when dealing with today's drug traffickers, the Colt, Model #LE6921, AR-15 (M4) Law Enforcement Carbine Rifle, has been approved for use by members of the Narcotics Bureau. This rifle is commonly referred to as the "**M4**".

C. Scope of Policy

This policy will clearly establish the guidelines and procedures concerning the M4 rifle and shall be adhered to by all members of the Narcotics Bureau.

D. Accountability

Only those Narcotics Bureau Personnel who have successfully completed the required training will be issued and allowed to deploy the M4 rifle. The Narcotics Bureau Training Staff shall coordinate the required training for those Bureau personnel who are qualified to deploy the M4. The Bureau Training Staff shall also maintain M4 qualification records and ensure that these records are current.

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II. POLICY

A. Guidelines

The Colt Model #LE6921, AR-15(M4) Law Enforcement Carbine Rifle may be deployed in planned tactical operations, i.e., the serving of search and arrest warrants, parole and probation searches,

dope/money flash, “rips,” and high risk vehicle stops. The deployment of the Benelli and Remington shotgun shall also continue to be an option for use during any and all tactical operations.

The M4 is a semiautomatic, gas operated, locking bolt rifle with a magazine capacity of 20-30 rounds. The approved ammunition is that which is issued by the Weapons Training Unit.

This weapon is intended for use by Narcotics Bureau teams whenever they are involved in any tactical operation. The M4 rifle will be deployed only by trained and qualified personnel and shall be specifically noted in the operations plan. Trained personnel/operator current in certification can deploy the M4 rifle if it is determined to be an appropriate weapon for the mission. Permission to deploy the M4 is not required, however notification to the team sergeant shall be made for all pre-planned operations. If an emergency arises, a trained deputy can deploy the M4 but as soon as the situation allows, the deputy shall notify a supervisor.

It will be the responsibility of each Crew/Team Sergeant, in conjunction with the Bureau Training Staff, to oversee the rifle’s condition, care, and annual test firing. Those personnel qualified to deploy the M4 will be directly responsible for its overall cleanliness and serviceability.

B. Weapon Security

1. When not in use, each detective, who has been issued an M4, shall keep it secured, stored and maintained in the trunk of their locked Departmental vehicle. For personnel driving a vehicle without a trunk compartment (SUV, Van, etc.), the weapon shall be secured in their vehicle. In both cases, the weapon shall be secured to the vehicle with a chain/cable and an approved locking device and or in a bureau “lockbox” which is affixed to the vehicle.

2. During off-duty hours, deputies shall have their **unloaded** M4 secured with an approved locking device inside their assigned Departmental vehicle and shall have the vehicle secured in their respective garage. However, when not possible to secure the

vehicle inside an enclosed garage, the M4 shall be secured unloaded and in a safe location inside the residence where children will not have access to it.

3. The trained operator assigned the M4 shall have the primary responsibility for security of the weapon.

C. Training

Training for those Narcotics Bureau Personnel assigned to deploy the M4 will consist of the following three phases:

Initial M4 Training

Initially, each detective assigned to deploy the M4 must complete a 16 hour firearms training program which emphasizes tactical use, marksmanship techniques, assault firing, and full maintenance of the weapon. This two day course is administered by the Training Bureau Range Staff or a qualified M4 instructor.

Additional M4 Training

Qualified personnel will attend tactical entry training consisting of perimeter containment, deployment within a team configuration, and moving with the M4 as part of an entry team. This training will be administered by one of the following training teams; the Narcotics Bureau Training staff, Training Bureau's Laser Village Staff or Special Weapons Training Team.

Annual Re-qualification / Certification

All qualified personnel shall maintain their proficiency with the M4 by successfully completing an annual department mandated re-qualification course, administered by the Training Bureau Range Staff or qualified M4 instructor. After the re-qualification course, qualified personnel shall also attend at least one, four hour, live

fire training session during the same calendar year and/or one, four hour, basic team movement training, utilizing simunitions. These courses are designed to keep personnel proficient with the M4 and are administered by the Narcotics Bureau Training staff, Training Bureau's Laser Village Staff or Special Weapons Training Team. Only those personnel whose training status is current will be issued and allowed to deploy the M4.

D. Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET)

Due to the unique circumstances in which MET personnel must operate, (i.e., forest or densely covered wilderness) and the fact that suspects involved in illegal marijuana grows are typically armed with high power weapons, any M4 certified/qualified operator participating in a MET operation are authorized to deploy the M4. However, prior to deployment, a notification to the MET Command Post Lieutenant or Sergeant shall be made.

Note: A team supervisor (minimum rank of sergeant) shall be present to oversee the operation whenever an M4 is deployed during a MET operation.

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LOY L. MCBRIDE, CAPTAIN

NARCOTICS BUREAU

• 2-8 Monthly Inventories of Unit Firearms

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-8**

Subject: **MONTHLY INVENTORY OF UNIT FIREARMS**

Effective Date:	07/01/2007	Last Date Revised:	10/15/2019
Last Date Reviewed:	04/01/2021	Next Review Date:	04/01/2022

I. CONCEPT AND ISSUES

A. Purpose

The purpose of this bureau order is to establish guidelines for a monthly inventory and accountability of all firearms assigned to Narcotics Bureau.

B. Scope of Policy

This policy applies to all bureau supervisors, all personnel who have access to a bureau firearm, and those bureau personnel who have been personally issued a bureau firearm.

C. Accountability

Bureau sergeants shall be directly responsible for the inventory and accountability of those bureau firearms assigned to their respective crew and/or personnel. The Narcotics Bureau Training Unit is responsible for the Headquarters armory inventory.

II. POLICY

A. Reporting Procedures

Bureau sergeants shall, on a monthly basis, personally account for those bureau issued firearms assigned to their respective crew or personnel. This monthly inventory of bureau firearms shall be documented on the attached form (Titled “Monthly Inventory of Unit Firearms”) and forwarded to Narcotics Bureau Headquarters, with attention to the Training Sergeant and/or Training Deputy responsible for the inventory of all bureau firearms.

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The “Monthly Inventory of Unit Firearms” form shall be submitted to Narcotics Bureau Headquarters by the **10th** calendar day of each month.

B. Unit Commander Notification

Should any discrepancies arise during the monthly inventory process (e.g. missing or unaccounted for firearm), the reporting personnel shall immediately make the following notifications to:

1) The Zone Lieutenant.

2) The Narcotics Bureau Training Unit.

3) Submit a detailed memorandum to the Unit Commander describing the circumstances of the discrepancy.

Each month the Training Deputy shall account for all firearms assigned to the crews and those stored in the Headquarters Armory. He/She shall immediately advise the Operations Sergeant or Lieutenant of any discrepancies. The Unit Commander shall also be notified via a detailed memorandum without unnecessary delay.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition of Service Since 1850"

DATE:

FILE NO:

OFFICE
CORRESPONDENCE

OM: (CREW SERGEANT) **TO:** LOY L. MCBRIDE, CAPTAIN

NARCOTICS BUREAU

BJECT: MONTHLY INVENTORY OF UNIT FIREARMS*

I have personally accounted for the following firearms assigned to my crew or to a member of my crew. Below is a listing of their serial numbers which I have verified.

Name of Crew _____

Month of _____, _____

AR – 15/M-4	**Benelli Shotgun**

***This report is due at HQ Narcotics not later than the 10th of each month.**

• 2-9 Deployment of Pepperball Rifles

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-9**

Subject: **DEPLOYMENT OF PEPPERBALL RIFLES**

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I. CONCEPT AND ISSUES

A. Purpose

The purpose of this bureau order is to provide policy and procedures concerning the deployment of the Pepperball Rifle by Narcotics Bureau personnel.

B. Scope of Policy

This policy is directed to all sworn Narcotics Bureau personnel. All sworn bureau personnel shall be accountable for the contents of this policy concerning the proper use, deployment and care of the Pepperball Rifle and its accessories.

II. POLICY

A. Description and Nomenclature

The SA200 Pepperball Rifle is a less lethal semi-automatic, air powered weapon designed to launch a variety of frangible projectiles. The overall length is thirty-three inches and the approximate weight is 3.5 pounds (unloaded). The maximum effective range is approximately thirty feet.

B. Types of Projectiles

There are three types of frangible projectiles authorized for use by qualified Narcotics Bureau personnel in the SA200 Pepperball Rifle. Each .68 caliber projectile weighs approximately 2 grams and is color coded to distinguish the content:

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RED OC powder, contaminant/impact projectile, containing 1.5 grams of 5% OC powder.

PURPLE Inert powder training projectile. This training projectile has the same dispersion characteristics as the OC projectile.

CLEAR Inert liquid (water) training projectile.

It is the responsibility of each Crew Sergeant to ensure that each weapon has an adequate supply of Pepperball ammunition for tactical deployment. Ammunition resupply can be accomplished by notifying the bureau Training Sergeant and/or Training Deputy. If this is not feasible, you may be able to obtain additional ammunition from a Patrol or Custody facility.

C. Parts and Accessories

Each SA200 Pepperball Rifle is equipped with the following parts and accessories:

(2) 3000 psi HPA bottles

(2) Speed Pod Loaders

(1) Tactical Nylon Sling

(1) Semi-metallic Rifle Case with foam inserts

NOTE: (5) yellow scuba tanks have been deployed throughout the county and assigned to various crews. These tanks are to be used to refill the HPA air bottles when they become low or empty. You may also consider refilling your bottles at a Patrol or Custody Facility equipped with these scuba tanks. The (5) bureau scuba tanks are located at the following crew offices: Palmdale, Temple, Century, Industry, and Bureau Headquarters.

Pepperball Rifles shall not be altered or modified in any way. Only approved projectiles shall be fired in this weapon. All repairs to this weapon shall be made by the department armorer. Should you have a defective weapon, it is the Crew Sergeant's responsibility to return it to the Bureau Training Sergeant and/or Training Deputy for an exchange of a serviceable weapon.

D. Training

Pepperball Rifles may only be deployed by qualified personnel who have successfully completed the required training. This training shall be administered by qualified bureau instructors or other qualified department instructors (e.g. Force Training Unit, etc.). The required training can usually be completed in 3 hours

(depending on the class size), and shall include the following:

- Description of nomenclature, parts, ammunition and accessories
- Safety, loading, and unloading
- Air bottle and air tank recharging and storage
- Target Areas and effective deployment distances
- Department/Bureau Policy concerning proper deployment
- Live Fire exercises
- Written Test

E. Tactical Deployment

The Pepperball Rifle is not considered a firearm. However, launching projectiles at a suspect's head shall be avoided unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Guidelines for the deployment of this weapon fall under the "Authorized Use of Force –Objectively Reasonable standard."

There are several tactical applications for this weapon:

- it may be used to deploy O.C. Powder only, on a "Resistive" individual or crowd, by impacting projectiles against a solid object(s) in the immediate area
- it may be used to launch projectiles directly on an "Assaultive/High Risk" individual
- it may be used as an alternative to the use of a firearm, to deter or stop the attack of aggressive dogs during a tactical operation

As with all Less Lethal Weapons, consideration should be given to the deployment of a cover officer or the ability to immediately deploy deadly force should the situation dictate it.

Bureau personnel shall not intentionally launch projectiles directly on a "Resistive" suspect(s). All personnel utilizing this weapon must do so only when fully justified by circumstances and shall be governed by MPP 3-10/100.00, Use of Force Review 3-10/110.00, Reporting Procedures, and Field Operations Directive #90-9 (Revised August 21, 2003).

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• 2-10 Use of Communications Equipment

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-10**

Subject: **USE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT**

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I. CONCEPT AND ISSUES

A. Purpose

The purpose of this order is to establish policy and procedure for the field use of communications equipment

issued to Narcotics Bureau personnel. The intent of this order is to increase safety and coordination for tactical field operations (e.g., surveillances, search warrants, buy-busts, reverse stings, undercover meets, etc.).

B. Scope of Policy

This order applies to all Narcotics Bureau personnel.

C. Accountability

NOTE: Bureau Order #2-10 must be read in conjunction with Bureau Orders # 5-8 (Operations Plans), #6-1 (Search warrants, Probation and Parole Searches, Consent Searches & Arrest Warrants), and #6-11 (Tactical Building Entry Operations) to obtain a full understanding of the scope of these orders. Each contains subject matter and information regarding tactical operations that is interrelated and compliments material in each of the other three orders.

All Bureau personnel will be held accountable for being familiar with and strictly adhering to the individual and collective contents of these orders. Sergeants and lieutenants are responsible for ensuring that their subordinates are aware of and comply with these orders.

II. POLICY

Bureau members are issued communications and safety equipment including cell phones and car mounted radios and/or portable radios for use during field

operations (e.g., surveillances, search warrants, buy-busts, reverse stings, undercover meets, etc.).

A. **Radios**

Department issued car mounted and/or portable radios should be the primary communication devices used during field operations (e.g. search warrants services, buy-busts, reverse stings, undercover meets, etc.). Tactical operations shall be conducted using Department radios and on tactical frequencies.

All emergency broadcasts, (e.g. vehicle pursuits, foot pursuits, deputy involved shootings, etc.) shall be made using a department radio over a "working" S.C.C. frequency. Initial coordination shall be made via the working frequency and moved to a tactical frequency identified by S.C.C. at the earliest, practical opportunity.

Field personnel should not substitute cell phones or the push to talk feature of cell phones for Department radio communications. While cell phone technology can augment our communications, it shall not be routinely used as a substitute for Department radios. Limited exceptions for this would include multi-agency task force type operations while working in conjunction with our law enforcement partners (i.e. HSI, DEA, FBI, etc.). Field personnel shall at all times during tactical operations, have a radio at their immediate disposal, tuned to a common tactical frequency and have the ability to select a working frequency or, use an emergency trigger to communicate directly with S.C.C. for emergency radio communication.

While there may be a need for undercover personnel to forgo personal possession of a radio so as not to reveal their identity when coming in contact with suspects, the other operational personnel must be equipped with a radio to monitor a tactical frequency and/or a working frequency for emergency communications and coordination of responses among Bureau, other agency or Departmental personnel.

Operations plans for tactical operations shall identify a department tactical and working frequency of the nearest Sheriff's station for emergency use. While any deputy may make an emergency broadcast to S.C.C., a designated deputy shall be assigned as the radio deputy for communications with S.C.C. in support of the tactical operation.

For operations outside of reliable radio communications due to distance from S.C.C. or physical restrictions (e.g., outside of Los Angeles County or inside LAX terminals etc.), an assigned communications deputy shall determine emergency telephone numbers for contact with the local law enforcement agency to coordinate any required emergency response prior to the operation.

NOTE: Personnel assigned to multi-agency task forces shall use the radios common to all members as approved by the task force director.

B. Cell phones

Cell phones (i.e. Nextel, Verizon, iPhones, etc.) are issued to allow routine communications for investigators while they are in the field. Cell phones are not issued with the intent of replacing Department radios. While conducting tactical operations, field personnel shall not substitute cell phones or the “push to talk” feature of cell phones for Department radio communications. While cell phone technology can augment our communications, they shall not be routinely utilized as a substitute for Department radios during tactical operations.

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NARCOTICS BUREAU

• 2-11 Heckler & Koch MP5 Submachine Gun

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-11**

Subject: **HECKLER & KOCH MP5 SUBMACHINE GUN**

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I. CONCEPT AND ISSUES

A. Purpose

The purpose of this order is to establish policy and training for the use and deployment of the Heckler & Koch (H&K), Model MP5, Submachine gun, hereinafter referred to as MP5, by Narcotics Bureau personnel assigned to the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT), Major Violators, all task force personnel, California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (Cal-MMET) and designated bureau members (approved by the unit commander) during tactical operations. The compliance of this order will enhance the safety of all personnel assigned to Narcotics Bureau special teams.

B. Background

Since 1986, the MP5 has been approved for use by members of the Narcotics Bureau assigned to Narcotics Bureau special teams. The responsibility for training and maintenance of the MP5 rested with instructors assigned to the Narcotics Bureau and qualified as H&K, submachine gun instructors, assisted by members of the Special Weapons Team.

C. Scope of Policy

This policy will clearly establish the guidelines and procedures concerning the MP5 and shall be adhered to by all members of the Narcotics Bureau assigned to these weapons.

D. Accountability

Bureau Personnel, who successfully complete the PO.S.T. certified 40 Hr. MP5 Course, (refer to pg.4 Section C/Training for specifics) will be allowed to deploy the MP5. The Narcotics Bureau Training Lieutenant shall coordinate the required training, with the Narcotics Bureau Training Staff, for those Bureau personnel qualified to deploy the MP5. The Bureau Training Staff shall also maintain MP5 qualification records and ensure that these records are current.

The Narcotics Bureau Training Staff shall be notified and assist with facilitating all MP5 training conducted. The training unit will also maintain a current roster all deputy personnel qualified to deploy the MP5.

All sworn Department members assigned to Narcotics Bureau, who are certified/qualified to deploy the MP5, shall only be issued and receive an MP5 submachine gun from the Narcotics Bureau weapons inventory by the Narcotics Training staff. The issued weapon's serial number along with all associated accessories shall be recorded on an Equipment Control Receipt "Green Slip" which shall be placed in operator's equipment folder.

II. POLICY

A. Guidelines

The H&K, Model MP5, submachine gun may be deployed in planned tactical operations, i.e., the serving of search and arrest warrants, parole and probation searches, narcotics/money flash, "rips," and high risk vehicle stops or any situation deemed necessary by the trained operator. Absent of an emergent situation, the crew sergeant shall be made aware of the MP5 deployment prior to deployment. The deployment of the shotguns (Benelli and Remington) and M4 rifle shall also continue to be an option for use during tactical operations. As with any discharge of a firearm, should that occur, the respective lieutenant shall be contacted as soon as possible.

The MP5 gun is a lightweight, air-cooled, magazine-fed, delayed blow back operated, select-fire weapon that can be shoulder or hand fired. The MP5 is chambered for various pistol cartridges; however, the MP5

deployed by Narcotics Bureau personnel shall be the 9mm Luger Department approved ammunition. The MP5 weapon is intended for use by deputy personnel assigned to Narcotics Bureau, as approved by the Narcotics Bureau Unit Commander, whenever tactical operations may occur. The MP5 shall only be deployed by trained and qualified personnel. The pre-planned use of the weapon shall be noted in the operations plan.

The MP5 weapon shall be deployed by the trained operator in the single fire mode. If an emergent situation arises and the trained operator determines the situation calls for the MP5 weapon to be utilized in the fully automatic mode, the trained operator can change the select fire mode from single to full auto mode, being cognizant of the training received regarding full auto fire.

In instances where the MP5 is deployed by a trained Bureau member, prior notification, (absent an emergent situation) shall be made to the respective crew sergeant assigned to supervise that bureau member, or in his/her absence another Narcotics Bureau sergeant. To that end, should an emergency arise, any trained MP5 operator may deploy the MP5, but shall notify their respective Narcotics Bureau sergeant and or lieutenant as soon as it becomes safe to do so.

It shall be the responsibility of L.A.S.D. Narcotics supervisors, in conjunction with the Narcotics Bureau Training Staff, to oversee the rifle's condition, care, and annual test firing. Those personnel qualified to deploy the MP5 will be directly responsible for its overall cleanliness and serviceability.

B. Weapon Security

1. At any time the MP5 weapon is not in use, each detective who has been issued an MP5 shall keep it secured within an approved locking compartment/vault that is bolted or welded to the vehicle.

2. When a deputy has an MP5 at their home, their assigned departmental vehicle should be garaged with the MP5 secured within the vehicle's locked vault. Any exception to the enclosed garage requirement shall require the approval of the responsible Zone Lieutenant.

3. The trained operator assigned the MP5 shall have the primary responsibility for security of the weapon. Personnel who are assigned an MP5 acknowledge and understand that if any violation of this policy occurs resulting in the weapon being lost or stolen, while under their care, will be subject to discipline. A signed copy of this order will be kept in the employee's personnel file.

I hereby acknowledge I understand the provisions of Bureau Order 2-11, specifically the

policy as it relates to Section B, Weapons Security, subsection 2 and 3.

Operator's Signature		Date:
Supervisor's Signature		Date:

C. Training

Training for those Narcotics Bureau Personnel assigned to deploy the MP5 will consist of the following:

Initially, each detective assigned to deploy the MP5 must complete and pass a 40 hour firearms training program, which emphasizes tactical use, marksmanship techniques, assault firing, and full maintenance of the weapon. This 40 hour course will be administered by the Narcotics Bureau MP5 training staff, range staff or a duly qualified MP5 instructor with the prior approval of the Narcotics Bureau Unit Commander. At the conclusion of the 40 hours of training, personnel must pass the "Minimum Performance Standards Qualification", and must also show the proper manipulation, deployment and maturity, prior to being issued the MP5 weapon.

Quarterly Re-qualification/Certification

All qualified personnel shall maintain their proficiency with the MP5 by successfully completing the mandated re-qualification course, administered by the Narcotics Bureau MP5 training staff and/or range staff, with the prior approval of the Narcotics Bureau Unit Commander. The quarterly re-qualification shall include one of the following: The "Minimum Performance Standards Qualification" (See Attachment "A") or Tactical Deployment Training. This training is designed to maintain a level of proficiency with the MP5. Only those personnel whose training status is current will be allowed to deploy the MP5.

Note: Department members who fail to qualify for a period of two quarters, must complete two 4 hour qualification courses at the next available training session. They shall not deploy the MP5 until successfully completing the 8 hours of qualifications.

***Department members on approved administrative leave shall qualify at the next available 4 hour qualification after returning to work.**

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NARCOTICS BUREAU

Attachment "A"

Los Angeles County Sheriff Department

Detective Division Training

MP5 Minimum Performance Standards – Qualification

Name:_____ Unit :_____

Date: _____

Range	Mode	Action	Time	1st	2nd	3rd

5 yrd		Transition Dry fire MP5, trans to handgun-fire 2 rds body	3.0			
5 yrd	Semi	Double Tab 2 rds to the body	1.5			
5 yrd	Semi	Multiple Targets 2 rds, body, each target	2.5			
5 yrd	Semi	Failure Drill 2 rds body, 2 rds head – 1 must be in the triangle	2.5			
5 yrd	Auto	Double Tap 2 presses, 4 rds	1.5			
5 yrd	Auto	Reload 2 press- 4 rds body, Reload, 2 press 4 rds body	8.0			
5 yrd	Auto	Failure Drill 2 press – 4 rds body, 1 press 2 rds head-1 in the triangle	3.0			
5 yrd	Auto	On the Move – Backwards 2 press – 4 rds body	1.5			

25 yrd	Semi	Standing 2 rds body	3.0			
25 yrd	Semi	Standing to Kneeling or Squatting 2 rds body	4.0			
25 yrd	Auto	On the Move – Forward – to 5 yrd 2 press – 4 rds body – Transition to handgun – 2 rds body	4.5			

Scores			

Instructor Certification:

• 2-12 Vehicle Tracker Deployment

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-12**

Subject: **VEHICLE TRACKER DEPLOYMENT**

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I. CONCEPT AND ISSUES

A. Purpose

This order establishes policy and procedure for the use and control of vehicle tracker technology. Additionally, this policy provides a guide for contract negotiations and equipment loss.

B. Background

Currently, Narcotics Bureau maintains vehicle tracker equipment for use by Bureau personnel, and also maintains annual service contracts.

C. Scope of Policy

This policy is designed to guide investigators in obtaining approval from supervisors for the use of electronic monitoring equipment (i.e. vehicle trackers) which includes the usage and loss procedures.

D. Accountability

Each bureau sergeant and Zone Lieutenant is responsible for ensuring that all policies and procedures related to the use of Narcotics Bureau vehicle trackers are followed.

E. Training

This Bureau Commander will ensure that all bureau personnel are trained and familiar with this policy. Pursuant to the case law stated below, a search warrant is required to install a GPS tracker on a vehicle. See below court ruling:

United States v. Jones

(2012) __ U.S. __ [2012 WL 17117]

The Court held in a somewhat complicated decision (*U.S. v. Jones*) that the installation of such a device on a car while it is in public constitutes a search under the 4th Amendment. It follows, said that Court, that because a GPS device reveals the vehicle's whereabouts, the officers had, in fact, "searched" Jones' vehicle when they installed it. Said the Court, "The Government physically occupied private property for the purpose of obtaining information. We have no doubt that such a physical intrusion would have been considered a 'search' within the meaning of the Fourth Amendment when it was adopted."

F. Conclusion

It is the intent of this policy to protect the integrity of bureau personnel and major narcotics investigations, wherein electronic monitoring is deployed.

II. POLICY

This policy pertains to quick mount vehicle trackers maintained by Narcotics Bureau. For the purpose of this bureau order, a quick mount tracker is any tracker which is not hard wired on a vehicle. Narcotic Bureau trackers will be maintained by the training unit. A record of serial numbers and unassigned trackers will be recorded and maintained by the training unit. The tracker log will record the team/crew who is using the tracker, along with the date of check out and return.

- Tracking units will be maintained and issued by the Training Unit. Trackers may also be

checked out by Majors Crews and Task Force Sergeants and stored in a County vehicle prior to deployment. Upon deployment of a tracker device, an Investigative File (441) number should be drawn for the respective Narcotic's investigation and entered on the Training Unit's log.

- For tracking units checked out by Majors Crews and Task Force Sergeants, a

separate vehicle tracker log shall be maintained by the respective Crew Sergeant.

- All information regarding the narcotic investigation should be entered on the Tracker Log (Attachment A). Information should include the serial number of the tracker being used, the Investigation File (441) number, name of the investigation officer (I/O) or investigator checking out the tracker, date, anticipated date of return, crew name, and the person notified and entered inquiry into the Los Angeles Community Law Enforcement and Recovery (LACLEAR) at 1 (800) LACLEAR or 1 (800) 522-5327.

- If a tracker is lost, a memo explaining the loss should accompany the submitted 411 report to the Training Sergeant. It should note where the vehicle tracker was last seen (e.g. "Placed on the passenger side rear, under the gas filler neck of a 2009 Lexus IS 250, CA License #115COLI").

- Due to the high probability of losing these tracker type devices, which are adhered to a vehicle by a strong magnet, this item **shall not** be documented as a normal "Lost Property" item incident, no (SH-R-49). Stated more clearly, personnel will not be held responsible for the loss of these investigative tools.

The Crew Sergeant will be responsible for notifying the LACLEAR and ensuring that the missing tracker is entered into LACLEAR as "Lost Property" of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Bureau.

The service provider shall be contacted to arrange a replacement or discontinue service for the lost tracker. The training unit shall be notified of any such arrangements.

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NARCOTICS BUREAU

• 2-1 Benelli Shotgun

NARCOTICS BUREAU

DETECTIVE DIVISION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Bureau Order Number: **2-1**

Subject: **BENELLI SHOTGUN**

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POLICY

The Benelli Super 90 shotgun is authorized for use by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Bureau.

The weapon is a 12 gauge semi-automatic shotgun with a magazine capacity of seven (7) or five (5) 2-3/4" shotgun shells.

This weapon is to be deployed and used during Narcotics Bureau operations by qualified personnel. Qualification shall consist of a four (4) hour training class conducted at the all-purpose range located at the Pitchess Honor Rancho range, by a qualified firearms instructor. Those participating in this class must demonstrate proficiency with the weapon. An annual re-certification is required and shall consist of a (4) hour refresher course with a qualified instructor.

The weapon shall be loaded with only 2-3/4" #4 or #00 buckshot. The weapon shall be loaded to capacity (7 or 5 rounds in the magazine) when deployed. The weapon shall not be initially deployed with rifled slug rounds in the chamber or magazine. Due to rapid and evolving circumstances, any detective, after assessing his/her situation concludes that the need for slugs exists, he/she is authorized to deploy such ammunition.

Each weapon shall have a tactical sling affixed to it. This sling shall not be removed. Care of the weapon shall be the responsibility of the deputy assigned the weapon and checked by the Crew Sergeant. Each month the weapon shall be inspected, cleaned, and lubricated using the respective station's shotgun cleaning equipment. NOTE: It is essential that this be accomplished to ensure the reliability and longevity of this weapon.

The Benelli shotgun shall be test fired and evaluated by the range staff during the annual shotgun test firing. This task shall be conducted by the training staff.

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