

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 P.O.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.**

ORIGINAL SIGNED _____

LOYL. MCBRIDE, CAPTAIN

NARCOTICS BUREAU

Attachment "A"

Los Angeles County Sheriff Department

Detective Division Training

MP5 Minimum Performance Standards – Qualification

Name: _____ Unit : _____

Date: _____

Range	Mode	Action	Time	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
5 yrd		Transition Dry fire MP5, trans to handgun-fire 2 rds body	3.0			
5 yrd	Semi	Double Tap 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			

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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			
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Instructor Certification: