

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE**

**SPECIAL ORDER NO. 9**

November 26, 2024

**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS ON** November 26, 2024

**SUBJECT:                 DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS – REVISED**

**PURPOSE:**             The purpose of this Order is to revise the Department Manual Section 4, 552.10 to comply with California Assembly Bills 2739 and 2842 – Firearms, as well as Senate Bill 1019 – Firearms: Destruction.

**BACKGROUND:**       On September 24, 2024, Governor Gavin Newsom signed California Assembly Bill (AB) 2739, AB 2842, and Senate Bill (SB) 1019, into law. Effective January 1, 2025, these bills amend Penal Code Section 18005 to impose new requirements on law enforcement agencies that contract with third parties for the destruction of firearms or other weapons. Under the new provisions, law enforcement agencies must ensure that any contract for destruction services explicitly prohibits the sale of any parts, attachments, or components of the firearms (or other weapons). The revised law also mandates that firearms be destroyed in their entirety using methods such as smelting, shredding, crushing, or cutting all parts of the firearm, including any attachments. Additionally, the revised law requires every law enforcement agency to develop and publish a written policy on firearm destruction, which must be made available on the agency’s website.

**PROCEDURE:**

- I.    DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS – REVISED.** Department Manual Section 4/552.10, *Destruction of Firearms*, has been revised and is attached with the revisions in italics.

**AMENDMENT:** This Order amends Department Manual Section 4/552.10.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY.** The Commanding Officer, Audit Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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Chief of Police

Attachment

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**VOLUME IV**  
**Revised by Special Order No. 9 , 2024**

**552.10 DESTRUCTION OF FIREARMS.**

**Commanding Officer, Evidence and Property Management Division - Responsibility.**

Upon determining that a firearms destruction should be scheduled, the Commanding Officer, Evidence and Property Management Division, shall make all necessary arrangements. The Commanding Officer, Evidence and Property Management Division, *pursuant to Penal Code Section 18000*, shall be responsible for:

- Determining the number of firearms to be destroyed;
- Complying with Penal Code Section 18005, *subsections (a) and (c)*;
- Determining the date, time, and location of the destruction;
- Arranging transportation;
- Obtaining security for the firearms destruction from another Department entity; *and*,
- *Ensuring the firearms are destroyed in their entirety by smelting, shredding, crushing, or cutting all parts of the firearm, including any attachments.*

*In accordance with Penal Code Section 18005 (a)*, firearms scheduled for destruction *may be* identified as convertible property for training and/or tactical purposes *and* are available for *appropriation* by Metropolitan Division, Training Division, and Forensic Science Division. Requests for the retention of firearms scheduled for destruction shall be made through the requesting entity's chain of command to the Director, Office of Special Operations.