

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 09-06  
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TO: All Special Weapons And Tactics Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY 1911 STYLE PISTOLS

Effective immediately, Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) personnel are authorized to carry, on and off-duty, 1911 style pistol models manufactured by: Kimber, Colt, and Springfield Armory. In addition to the required adherence to Manual Section 3/610.20, pistols shall meet the following requirements:

- All pistols must be inspected and approved by Metropolitan Division Armorers prior to deployment;
- Officers shall ensure that all weapons purchased are added to the Metropolitan Division Firearms Inspection Record (LAPD Form 13.02.0);
- Officers must qualify with any newly purchased weapon prior to deployment;
- All pistols must be chambered in .45 ACP;
- Kimber pistols must be Series-II or later;
- Colt pistols must be Series 80 or later;
- Springfield Armory pistols must meet the specification contained in this Order;
- Frame must be designed to accept LAPD duty ammunition;
- Internal tolerances must be maintained to factory specifications;
- No modifications to the barrel with the exception of polishing of the feed ramp and throating of the chamber;
- Barrel length not to exceed five inches;
- No ported or compensated barrels;
- Any replacement parts must be identical (same manufacturer) to the original part;
- Authorized finishes are: blue steel, matte finish, and stainless steel (or combination of);
- Hand stocks must be black, brown, green, or gray and be made of rubber, wood or composite material; and,
- Pistols must be equipped with sights.

Please direct any inquires regarding this Order to Lieutenant Ruben Lopez, Officer in Charge, Special Weapons and Tactics, Metropolitan Division, at (213) 972-2420.



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