

## UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

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**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chairperson, Uniform and Equipment Committee

**SUBJECT:** NOVEMBER 2019 APPROVED UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS

The Uniform and Equipment Committee (UEC) and the Chief of Police have approved the following uniform and equipment items:

### **1. APPROVAL OF BACK-UP AND OFF-DUTY PISTOLS**

In-Service Training Division, Firearms Training Section (ISTD, FTS), conducted a product evaluation of back-up and off-duty pistols. The testing was completed per Department Handgun Test Protocols, and the following firearms are authorized for private purchase Department Use:

- Colt model Cobra 38spl (Double Action Only)
- Glock models 43X and 48
- Ruger models LCR 38spl and LCP II .380 ACP
- Sig Sauer models P365 and P365XL
- Smith & Wesson M&P .45 Shield

The following firearms are also authorized for use in non-uniformed plainclothes assignments:

- Glock models 43X and 48
- Sig Sauer models P365 and P365XL
- Smith & Wesson M&P .45 Shield

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE NEW EVOLUTION MILITARY ORDINANCE (NEMO) ARMS XO STEEL .308 CALIBER SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE FOR SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (SWAT) ONLY**

SWAT conducted a product evaluation of the New Evolution Military Ordinance (NEMO) Arms XO (Executive Order) Steel .308 caliber rifle, in an effort to add another precision .308 caliber semi-automatic AR (Automatic Rifle) type platform system to the sniper cadre's current aging list of deployable sniper rifles. The testing was completed per precision rifle protocols and is authorized for SWAT deployment only.

**3. APPROVAL OF STOPTECH STOP STICK PIRANHA, TERMINATOR, PATROL TERMINATOR, AND BARRACUDA, INDIVIDUAL TIRE DEFLATION DEVICES**

To reduce pursuit incidents, the Stop Stick Piranha individual tire deflation device, in both high and low volume release options, primarily for covert police operations is approved. Additionally, the Terminator, Patrol Terminator, and Barracuda individual tire deflation devices are approved for all practical police operations. All the devices are not to be used on vehicles with less than four tires.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE FN HERSTAL 303 COMPRESSED AIR PROJECTILE SYSTEM LESS-LETHAL LAUNCHER FOR CUSTODY SERVICES DIVISION, METROPOLITAN DIVISION K9 AND SWAT**

The FN 303 compressed air projectile system is an intermediate force option that can be used when a suspect is violently resisting arrest or poses an immediate threat of violence or physical harm to personnel or others. The FN 303 has a 15 round capacity and utilizes a rigid/semi rigid impact projectile which does not have an expiration date. FN Herstal provided the following types of projectiles:

- PAVA/OC round
- Straight Impact round
- Inert Talcum powder/training round

The FN 303 PAVA/OC round can be used when the suspect's action rise to the level of intermediate force and poses an immediate threat to the safety of personnel or others, and the secondary effect of a chemical irritant would be advantageous.

The PAVA/OC round can also be used for area saturation when a suspect is believed to be secreted in a confined area and there is no feasible way to safely approach the suspect without escalating to a higher level of force or endangering all parties during the approach.

**Note:** The tactic of chemical saturation to an area is not intended to strike the suspect with the projectile, but to gain compliance from the suspect through chemical exposure.

The Straight Impact round is an intermediate force option that can be used for a suspect who is violently resisting arrest or poses an immediate threat of violence or physical harm to personnel or others, and the use or secondary chemical irritant effect of PAVA/OC is not feasible.

The FN 303, PAVA/OC round, Straight Impact round, and Talcum Powder/ Training round is authorized and available for use by sworn and non-sworn CSD personnel, Metropolitan K9 and SWAT personnel only.

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