

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 03-4
8.2.1

July 10, 2003

TO: All Metropolitan Division Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: RIFLE AND TACTICAL SLUG (RATS) DEPLOYMENT GUIDELINES

This Order supercedes Division Order No. 97-01.

The Urban Police Rifle (UPR) and/or Shotgun Slug (SSA) shall only be deployed by Metropolitan Division officers who have been certified to deploy by Metropolitan Division or Training Division and upon approval from a supervisor. Each deployment shall be in accordance with current Department policy.

In certain tactical situations e.g., stakeouts, witness protection, dignitary protection and other Metropolitan Division missions, officers may obtain prior approval from the Commanding Officer to remove the UPR and place the weapon or slug ammunition where it is readily accessible because of the danger inherent in these missions. This approval will only be granted when the circumstances justify this level of armament.

Supervisor's Responsibility. A Metropolitan Division supervisor shall respond to each Metropolitan Division UPR/SSA deployment and;

- Assist the Incident Commander, when patrol is the requestor;
- In the absence of a Patrol Incident Commander, take charge of the incident and determine if the incident is within the capability of the unit(s) at scene or if SWAT or K9 should be requested;
- Ensure that all UPR's and SSA are secured once the threat is resolved;
- Make the necessary notifications if either the UPR or SSA is discharged; and
- Document the incident in the supervisor's daily report if no other administrative report (e.g. officer-involved shooting report) is required.

Generally, the supervisor's decision to deploy the UPR or SSA must be made at scene, however, under exigent circumstances, the authorization may be given via telephone or radio prior to arrival.

Under the authority of Department Manual Section 3/610.67, Special Duty Assignments-Firearms, Metropolitan Division will train and qualify personnel assigned to the division in the use of the UPR and SSA. Metropolitan Division will maintain a list of Metropolitan Division officers who have qualified with each weapon system and are authorized to deploy the weapons under the guidelines of this order. Metropolitan Division Armory will maintain a record of all UPR's assigned to Metropolitan Division, and the armorer will inspect all UPR's annually to insure that they are properly maintained and the proper protective case is present for the weapon.

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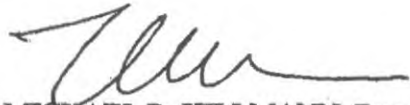
The Commanding Officer of Metropolitan Division will evaluate all UPR and SSA deployments to ensure consistency with this policy including proper supervisory oversight.



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Attachment

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