OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 10 **March 24, 2020**

SUBJECT: **HOLSTERING A BACK-UP OR CONCEALED OFF-DUTY FIREARM – REVISED; AND, FIREARM(S) CARRIED IN A CONTAINER – REVISED**

PURPOSE: This Order revises Department Manual Sections 3/610.90, *Holstering a Back-up or Concealed Off-Duty Firearm*, and 3/610.92, *Firearm(s) Carried in a Container*, to remind officers that firearms shall be carried inside a holster and/or container that is specifically designed for the make, model, and caliber of the firearm and shall cover the firearm's trigger and trigger guard.

PROCEDURE:

I. **HOLSTERING A BACK-UP OR CONCEALED OFF-DUTY FIREARM – REVISED.** Department Manual Section 3/610.90, *Holstering a Back-up or Concealed Off-Duty Firearm*, has been revised. The revised Department Manual section is attached, with the revisions indicated in italics.

II. **FIREARM(S) CARRIED IN A CONTAINER – REVISED.** Department Manual Section 3/610.92, *Firearm(s) Carried in a Container*, has been revised. The revised Department Manual section is attached, with the revisions indicated in italics.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Sections 3/610.90 and 3/610.92 of the Department Manual.

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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Attachment

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610.90 HOLSTERING A BACK-UP OR CONCEALED OFF-DUTY FIREARM. An on-duty officer carrying a back-up firearm or an officer carrying a firearm off-duty shall carry the firearm in a secured manner. The firearm shall be **concealed** and contained in such a manner as to prevent the firearm from falling out or becoming accessible to unauthorized persons when engaged in physical police activities such as a foot pursuit or physical altercation. *The firearm shall be carried inside of a holster that is specifically designed for the make, model, and caliber of the firearm and shall cover the firearm's trigger and trigger guard.* If the firearm is secured in a pocket, *it shall be secured in a holster, and* no other items *shall* be carried in that same pocket to ensure immediate and unhindered access to the firearm. Additionally, an approved firearm with a shrouded or internal hammer is preferable for carrying in a pocket, as a firearm with an exposed hammer spur is more likely to become snagged on clothing when *being withdrawn from an officer's pocket.*

Note: When an off-duty officer carries a firearm in *his or her* waistband, the firearm *shall* be secured in a holster that is specifically designed for that firearm and the holster *shall* be securely attached to the waistband or belt.

Exception: A commanding officer may exempt an officer from these requirements when the nature or tactical requirements of a particular duty assignment require such an exemption.

610.92 FIREARM(S) CARRIED IN A CONTAINER. An on-duty officer may carry a back-up firearm, or an off-duty officer may carry a concealed firearm in a container that is **immediately** accessible to and under the control of the officer. Such a container may include, but is not limited to, a briefcase, fanny pack, backpack, or purse. Unless the container is specifically designed to carry *the* firearm, the firearm shall be *placed* in a holster specifically designed for the firearm *which covers the firearm's trigger and trigger guard,* before it is secured in the container.