

# Hamden Police Department General Orders

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**Section:** Weapons

**Rescinds:**

**Title:** Firearms Standards and  
Qualifications.

**Approved By:**

**Approval Date:**

## PURPOSE

To establish guidelines with regard to firearms qualification standards.

## POLICY

The department strives to maintain a high level of proficiency with firearms and to establish a uniform standard for authorized off duty weapons. To this end the following set of procedures have been established.

## Procedures

### A. Firearms Qualification.

1. All sworn personnel must qualify with their department issued firearm.
2. Officers must qualify initially and then annually with a score of 80%.
3. The course used must be approved by the Police Officers Standards and Training Council.
4. The above are fundamental requirements to maintain employment as a sworn member of the department.

### B. Failure to Qualify.

1. Officers are given the option to re-qualify on the range during the same session as qualification. Any officer who fails to achieve a score of 80% shall be brought before the Chief of Police who will:
  - a. Be given notice for why he/she is appearing.
  - b. Be relieved of his/her department issued weapon and reassigned to administrative duties.

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2. Officers who fail to qualify shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity determined by the Chief of Police for retraining to qualify with his/her weapon.
3. Once re-qualified the officer shall be returned to full duty status.
4. Officers that fail to re-qualify after a reasonable time will:
  - a. Be brought to the attention of the Chief of Police.
  - b. The Chief of Police will then present the facts to the Board of Police Commissioners to determine if the officer should remain employed as a police officer.