

Hamden Police Department General Orders

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Section: Weapons

Rescinds:

Title: Weapon-Mounted Lights.

Approved By:

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PURPOSE

To establish department guidelines for the authorization and restrictions relating to the use of the weapon mounted lights for the Glock 22 and Glock 23.

POLICY

It is the Policy of the Hamden Police Department to issue Glock 22 and Glock 23 pistols designed with an accessory rail as an integral portion of its frame. Weapon-Mounted lights can be used by Officers who may be exposed to low light situations.

Weapon-Mounted lights are NOT intended to replace an Officers hand-held flashlight. Use of the Weapon-Mounted light in this manner is strictly prohibited. Use of the Weapon-Mounted light is limited to high-risk situations where an Officer is justified in drawing and displaying their firearm.

Procedures

- A. Officers must successfully complete a Department approved training course before they are authorized to carry a weapon-mounted light. Officers must qualify using their weapon-mounted light on an approved firearms qualification course.
- B. Handguns with Mounted lights must be carried in the issued Blackhawk hard-frame holster molded for the specific weapon-light system carried. Use of a Weapon-Mounted light is NOT authorized if the light must be removed from weapon before holstering.