



BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure

WEAPON INSPECTIONS

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Commanding Officers will be responsible for all firearms, ammunition, and Personal Protective Equipment issued to personnel assigned to their units being inspected no less than three times per calendar year. The Supervisor of Firearms/Training Supervisor is responsible for directing when these inspections will be conducted.

The inspection shall include: **[1.3.9 c]**

1. The Mechanical condition of the firearm, according to the following:

- Appendix A: Sig Sauer P320 .45 caliber compact handgun;
- Appendix B: Safety procedures.

2. That the Ammunition is:

- a) Department issue;
- b) In good condition; and
- c) The correct numbers of rounds issued to all officers are being carried.
[Sig Sauer P320 .45 caliber compact handgun: three 9 or 10 round magazines, all topped off, plus one round chambered.]

The results of each inspection shall be entered on the “***Weapons Inspection Form.***” These forms are not to be amended. Units having more personnel than the space available are to use additional sheets. Any defect in any firearm or ammunition shall be corrected or replaced by a Department Armorer.

Any improper ammunition shall be corrected during inspection and a report forwarded to the Deputy Chief through the Training Division.

Dirty weapons shall be cleaned prior to returning to duty.

These forms, when completed, shall be sent through channels and forwarded to the Training Supervisor no later than five (5) days after the end of each month.

APPENDIX A - INSPECTION PROCEDURE FOR SEMI-AUTOMATIC PISTOLS:

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1. Clear weapon following approved department procedures.
2. Inspect weapon for visual signs of debris or dirt including trigger guard and magazine well.
3. Inspect sights; check for looseness or missing inserts (green dots) and ensure they are clean and visible.
4. Visually inspect ejection port showing close attention to breech face, firing pin opening and extractor. No foreign matter should be visible and if necessary wipe clean with an applicator (Q-tip).
5. Check feeding ramp on barrel for lead build up or foreign matter. If present remove as necessary.
6. Check barrel for bulges, deformities or fouling and check muzzle (crown) for chips or damage.
7. Release slide using slide release lever and when doing so check lever for function and looseness. Rack the action several times to check recoil spring tension and if friction present check for proper lubrication.
8. With weapon muzzle in bullet trap and slide forward pull the trigger feeling for release of firing pin and check for tension. Keeping finger on the trigger manually pull back the slide feeling for trigger reset (function test).
Officers/Supervisors carrying pistol mounted flashlight: Hand the safe weapon to the Officer/Supervisor and have them activate the pistol mounted light (two hand grip, using off hand thumb).
9. Lock slide back and hand weapon to officer allowing them to reload and re-holster weapon per department procedures.
10. When weapon is safely holstered inspect magazines for deformed edges, loose base plates and push on rounds in magazine with thumb checking for slight movement indicating magazine has not been overloaded. Check indicator holes to see if rounds line up with round number indicators. Before replacing magazine "slap" rear of the magazine in palm of hand to seat rounds for proper function.
11. Using B.P.D. inspection forms make notations and inform Department Armorer if any weapon needs repair or replacement.
12. The inspecting officer should inform officer if the weapon passes or fails inspection and also recommending remedial training or other action if needed.

APPENDIX B - SAFETY PROCEDURES: [1.3.9c]

1. The use of bullet traps is mandatory when clearing weapons and a safe clearing area should be designated by one of the inspecting officers.
2. One officer at a time shall be instructed to clear their weapon upon command by the Inspecting officer and instructions should be issued clearly on how the procedure is to be done.
3. The clearing procedure taught during weapon transition is recommended and is done in this order;
 - a. Officer steps into the clearing area with inspecting officer slightly behind them on their weapon side.
 - b. Officer removes magazine from duty belt / carrier and hands them to Inspecting officer.
 - c. Officer next removes magazine from the weapon and hands it to Inspecting officer.
 - d. Upon command, officer removes weapon from holster following the F.O.T. rule and places muzzle into the aperture of the bullet trap. The weapon's trigger guard is firmly pressed against bullet trap to insure that the muzzle remains inside the bullet trap's aperture.
 - e. The weapon's slide is then pulled back extracting the round from chamber (*repeat three (3) times*). Officer is not to catch ejected round.
 - f. The slide is locked back and the officer physically and visually inspects the weapon's chamber before handing the weapon to Inspecting officer.
 - g. While weapon is being inspected officer can retrieve extracted round.
 - h. When inspection is finished the weapon is handed to the officer slide open and it is immediately placed muzzle first into the aperture of the bullet trap.
 - i. The Inspection officer then hands the officer his/her inspected magazine, officer inserts it into weapon and then releases slide chambering a round.
 - j. The weapon is then placed back into the officer's holster and magazine is then removed allowing the officer to place last round into it.
 - k. It is recommended that each officer rotates a magazine from his duty belt / carrier, reloading with a new magazine at each inspection.