



MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

466 – PATROL RIFLE

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REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:
Assistant Chief Steven Johnson
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ACTION: Amends General Order 2023-25 (May 19, 2023)

WILEAG STANDARD(S): 5.2.1, 5.3.1,
12.1.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.3

ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.
For complete version of SOP, see SharePoint.

466.05 DEFINITIONS (WILEAG 12.1.1)

A. PATROL RIFLE

A Smith & Wesson M&P 15X or Bravo Company Manufacturing BCM4 semi-automatic rifle, .223 caliber, external magazine fed, equipped with a two point sling and a Safariland RLS light Surefire mini scout light PRO with pressure pad.
(WILEAG 12.1.1.1, 12.1.1.2)

F. AIMPOINT PATROL RIFLE OPTIC (AIMPOINT PRO) OR VORTEX CROSSFIRE

466.10 MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 5.2.1, 5.3.1, 12.1.2, 12.1.3)

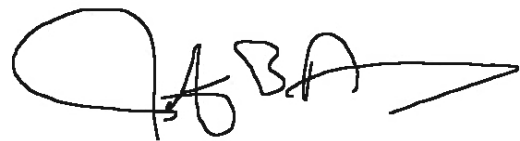
A. Only police members that have completed the department's patrol rifle certification training program, or former members of the Tactical Enforcement Unit (TEU) with a satisfactory training history, shall be authorized to carry and deploy the patrol rifle. Former TEU members shall submit a *Department Memorandum* (form PM-9E) stating their desire to carry a patrol rifle through the chain of command to the Range Master for approval prior to using a patrol rifle on duty. Members not officially trained in the patrol rifle may operate the rifle in emergency circumstances (e.g., rifle operator is injured or unable to use the rifle) to prevent the imminent threat of death or great bodily harm to themselves or others. Members are required to complete recertification on an annual basis.

B. All members who are patrol rifle operators are required to complete recertification training on an annual basis. Members who do not attend the annual recertification training will not be allowed to carry the patrol rifle until the member attends the following year's recertification training. Any member who does not attend two (2) consecutive recertification trainings will be removed as a patrol rifle operator. The only exemption to the above is members who are returning from FMLA or military leave. Members who are unable to attend due to an internal investigation will be evaluated by the range master on a case by case basis upon being cleared by the Internal Affairs Division.

- D. Prior to the start of each shift, as well as at the end of the shift, the member signing out the patrol rifle shall conduct a pre-shift check in a designated area with a clearing barrel to inspect the rifle, ammunition, optics/sighting systems, slings and rifle cases to ensure the equipment is in proper working order and that all ammunition is accounted for.
- F. At the start of each shift, members equipped with a patrol rifle shall notify the dispatcher that they are equipped with a patrol rifle. A notation identifying the member as being equipped with the patrol rifle shall also be made on the daily line-up in the MPD (N:) drive "Lineup" folder SharePoint "Lineup Drive."
- I. ~~When the member makes the determination that the patrol rifle will be deployed, the member shall retrieve the patrol rifle from the rifle rack or go to the vehicle trunk, open the rifle case, and charge the weapon bringing the rifle to call-ready. The member shall then activate the Aimpoint PRO, or flip up the rear sight and utilize the iron sights.~~ to deploy the patrol rifle, the member shall retrieve the rifle from the rifle rack, if equipped, or the rifle case and charge the weapon bringing the rifle to call-ready. The member shall then activate the rifle's optics system. If the optics system is not functioning properly, the member shall flip up the iron sights and utilize the iron sighting system.

466.20 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AND CARE (WILEAG 12.1.1)

- A. Only patrol rifles, ammunition, optics/sighting systems, slings and rifle cases issued, inspected, and approved by the Training Division - Firearms Unit shall be used. No modifications shall be made to the Aimpoint PRO optics system, or iron sight, zero except by the Training Division - Firearms Unit.
(WILEAG 12.1.1.3)
- B. The patrol rifle and peripheral equipment shall be treated with due care and shall not be abused or mistreated. Rifle trained members may change batteries in the light and Aimpoint PRO optics system when necessary.
- D. The patrol rifles shall be stored in the cases in squad-ready condition with an empty chamber and loaded magazine inserted in the rifle when stored at the work locations. The spare magazine in the case shall be loaded and have a cover on it if it is a Magpul magazine. ~~Lancer 30 round translucent magazines do not require a cover.~~ shall be loaded and stored in the case or an approved rifle magazine pouch on the members' belt.



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