

# IUPD Firearms

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## Related Information

- \* [PS-PD 09-01.1 IUPD Firearms - University SOP \(authentication required\)](#)
- \* [PS-PD 09-01.2 IUPD Firearms - SOP Qualification \(authentication required\)](#)
- \* [PS-PD 09-01.3 IUPD Firearms - MOU \(authentication required\)](#)
- \* [PS-PD-02-01 Exercise of Extended Jurisdiction by Officers of the Indiana University Police Department](#)
- \* [IC 35-31.5-2-85 "Deadly force" means force that creates a substantial risk of serious bodily injury.](#)

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## Scope

This policy applies to Indiana University Police Department (IUPD) personnel.

The directives contained in this section are for internal Indiana University use only and do not apply in any criminal or civil proceedings. These directives will not be construed as creating a higher legal standard of safety or care.

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## Policy Statement

All sworn officers employed by the Indiana University Police Department will be competent, proficient, and knowledgeable in the use, maintenance, and storage of firearms and officers will adhere to the specific requirements established in approved procedures developed to support this policy.

These are general requirements. Detailed requirements and other guidance are provided in associated standard operating procedures (SOPs).

#### A. General Provisions.

1. Only sworn officers in good standing who have successfully passed firearms qualification and the *Response to Resistance* training prescribed by IUPD shall be authorized to carry a firearm.
2. Officers will only carry firearms authorized by IUPD, when on duty OR off duty.
3. Only ammunition approved by IUPD shall be used in authorized firearms.
4. The primary service handgun will be carried in accordance with IUPD uniform and related requirements and as otherwise specified by IUPD policy.
5. The campus Chief of Police or his designee will maintain records on all approved firearms. Documentation will include but is not limited to maintenance, inspections, manufacturer, model, type, description, serial number and the officer to whom the firearm has been issued.

#### B. Off-Duty Firearms.

1. Officers are required to carry an authorized firearm when in IUPD uniform or when operating a university police vehicle, whether they are on duty or off duty.
2. Officers may, but are not required to, carry an authorized firearm while off duty.

#### C. Firearm Qualification and Training.

1. All officers authorized to carry firearms will be trained and qualified in accordance to Indiana state requirements and *PS-PD 09-01.3 Firearms SOP - Qualification*.
2. Officers are required to train and qualify with each authorized firearm that they may carry at any time.

#### D. Firearms Modifications. Modifications to any agency-authorized firearm require the written approval of the agency head with the written input of designated armorer.

#### E. Shotguns and Rifles. Shotguns and rifles shall be secured in an approved manner in university police vehicles.

#### F. Firearms Safety. Officers shall not carry a departmental firearm on or off duty if under the influence of alcohol, medication or any substance to the point that it would impair mental or physical capabilities.

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## Reason For Policy

The purpose of this policy is to state Indiana University's philosophy on the use, maintenance, and storage of IUPD-authorized firearms, and to set an expectation that officers will understand and adhere to related qualification requirements.

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## Procedure

See [Related Information](#) for IU Police Department Procedures (authentication required).

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## Definitions

**Authorized Firearm:** Any make, model, or caliber of firearm that meets Indiana University's stated requirements and specifications, and has been formally approved by the agency armorer and University Superintendent of Public Safety (or his or her designee) for general or individual use by sworn law enforcement personnel. This includes primary service handguns, alternate service handguns, backup handguns, shotguns, and rifles used for law enforcement purposes and any firearm carried as an off-duty weapon.

**Primary Service Handgun:** The firearm authorized by Indiana University to be carried as part of the service uniform and related equipment for uniformed personnel or the authorized firearm to be carried by plainclothes officers.

**Sworn officer in good standing:** An officer fully capable of performing his or her assigned duties and responsibilities, and not on suspension from duty or on leave due to impairment.

**Backup Handgun:** Any authorized handgun, personally owned or department issued, other than the primary service handgun.

**Firearms Instructor:** Any officer who has been certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board (LETB) to provide instruction and training in firearms.

**Firearms Qualification Course:** An approved course of fire with periodic testing required of officers to determine their competency to carry authorized firearms.

**Head Firearms Instructor:** The person designated by the Superintendent of Public Safety responsible for coordinating the overall firearms training and weapons maintenance.

**Agency armorer:** The person designated at each campus by the Superintendent of Public Safety and campus Chief of Police to receive and maintain appropriate certifications and training to repair, inspect and maintain departmental firearms.

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## Sanctions

Violations of these directives will only form the basis for agency administrative sanctions. Violations of law will be the basis for civil and criminal sanctions in recognized judicial settings.

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## History

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