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Policies and Procedures

Title: Duty Weapon Policy

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8.8 JURISDICTION TO CARRY FIREARM

A. UNCA Police Officers are authorized to carry their duty weapons, within their jurisdiction, as defined by North Carolina General Statute 116-40.5. Only sworn police officers, including reserve officers, of the UNCA Department of Campus Police are authorized to carry firearms on duty.

1. Officers are authorized to carry only those firearms approved for use, at UNCA, from their residence to their assigned duty location.
2. Officers are encouraged to proceed directly to their residence upon completion of their assignment.
1. An officer's firearm will remain secured in their approved holster, except when circumstances dictate a situation involving the imminent threat to their life or others.

8.9 AUTHORIZED DUTY WEAPONS

A. Handgun;

1. The handgun carried by department members will be approved by the department's firearms instructor and the Director of Campus Police. The handgun will be carried fully loaded at all times with prescribed ammunition.
2. The only acceptable grips are the original manufacture's grip or those approved by the department's firearms instructor to correct a specific shooting problem. Bone, pearl, decorator, or target grips are not authorized.
3. All firearms must be inspected and registered by the department's firearms instructor and include the following information; Make, Model, and Serial Number.

4. No adjustments, alterations, or repairs will be performed on any firearm used for duty, unless they are completed by an authorized armorer, and only after prior approval from the firearm's instructor.

8.10 FIREARMS QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Mandatory in-service firearms training will be conducted at least once a year pursuant to the requirements of the North Carolina Department of Justice Training Standards Commission. Accordingly, the in-service compliance report (F-9) will be submitted to the Commission as required.
- B. It will be the responsibility of the Training Officer to ensure that all Full-time and Reserve Police Officers, who are authorized to carry a firearm, qualify in compliance with the standards set forth by the North Carolina Department of Justice.
- C. Each officer must qualify with his or her firearm prior to carrying the weapon on-duty by registering a score of 80% or better during qualification.
- D. Repeated inability to qualify with a firearm may result in:
 1. The officer being reassigned to duties not requiring the carrying of a weapon.
 2. Remedial firearms training.
 3. The review of job description requirements to determine if termination is necessary.

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