

Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office G.O. 05-01

Attachment A (modified July 17, 2023)

APPROVED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

I. Approved Handgun Manufacturers

- A. Glock
- B. Colt
- C. Smith & Wesson
- D. Browning
- E. Heckler & Koch
- F. Walther
- G. Beretta
- H. Springfield Armory
- I. Kimber
- J. Para-Ordinance
- K. Sig Sauer
- L. Kahr
- M. Wilson
- N. Customs Conversion
- O. Taurus
- P. Kel-Tec
- Q. Ruger

II. Additional Handgun Specifications

- A. All handguns must have a trigger pull that is greater than 4.9 pounds.
- B. Revolvers may only be carried as a backup weapon or an off-duty weapon and must meet the following guidelines
 - 1. Must be chambered either in .38, .357, or .45 caliber
 - 2. Must hold a minimum capacity of 5 rounds
 - 3. Barrel length between 1 and 6 inches
 - 4. Capable of double-action mode of fire

C. Semi-Automatic Weapons

1. Glock 17 [9mm], Glock 17 MOS [9mm], Glock 45 [9mm], Glock 45 MOS [9mm], or Glock 47 MOS [9mm] may be carried in all instances

2. Semi-Automatic Weapons other than the Glock 17 [9 mm], Glock 17 MOS [9mm], Glock 45 [9mm], Glock 45 MOS [9mm], or Glock 47 MOS [9mm] may be carried under authority of General Order 05-01 Section V. B. as well as Backup and off Duty approved handguns}

a. Off-Duty carry must be chambered in either .380, 9 mm, .357, .40, or .45 caliber and must have a barrel length of 6 inches or less

b. Administrative/Plain clothes assignment are required to carry the agency approved handgun which consist of the Glock 17 [9mm], Glock 17 MOS [9mm], Glock 45 [9mm], Glock 45 MOS [9mm], or Glock 47 MOS [9mm]. All employees hired on or before December 31st, 2014, may continue to carry the primary duty handgun they were authorized to carry on the date of implementation of this General Order (as long as that handgun meets the requirements as set forth in Attachment A of this General Order).

c. Plain clothed Deputies while in a public place will ensure that their firearm remains concealed (carried on or about their person hidden from the ordinary view of another person).

3. All firearms will be carried without modification from the manufactured product and in compliance with this General Order unless the modification is specifically approved and documented by the Firearms Proficiency Officer. The Chief Deputy will have final approval of any disputes regarding modification approval.

a. Approved Modifications:

1. Aftermarket Night sights (Front and Rear)
2. Micro Red Dot System (MRDS)
3. Weapon mounted flashlights

(Any other modification must be approved by the Firearms Proficiency Officer)

b. Examples of unapproved modifications:

1. Reduced triggers/ aftermarket triggers
2. Aftermarket Barrels
3. Grip Stippling

a. Any Deputy whose weapon was stippled prior to the implementation of this policy must be inspected by the Firearms

Proficiency Officer. If the firearm is deemed suitable for duty the Deputy may continue to carry the firearm as their primary duty weapon.

4. Aftermarket Slide Cover Plate

D. Approved Micro Red Dot System (MRDS) Specifications

Approved MRDS must meet the following specifications

1. Docter/Noblex Mounting Standard (a widely used mounting standard in the field of red dot sights that has 2 holes for screws and 4 sockets in which the pins on the mount/adaptor fit, 1 in each corner).

2. MRDS should be duty grade and able to withstand drops and manipulations of the slide with impact on the optic

3. Less than 4.0 reticle MOA

4. Battery-powered adjustable LED (minimum life of 1 year)

5. Tempered glass; coated to prevent reflection

6. The only slide milling approved for duty weapons carrying a MRDS will be milling conducted by Glock manufacturers and dealers. All other slide milling to allow MRDS mounting on a duty weapon will be prohibited.

7. Deputies Wearing Class A/B uniforms and carrying a MRDS shall ensure it fits properly in a Level III holster that is approved by the FBCSO. Deputies wearing Class C (soft uniforms) are authorized to carry a Level I or Level II holster approved by the Firearms Proficiency Officer. The Firearms Proficiency Officer shall maintain a list of all authorized Level I, Level II, Level III, and Level IV holsters capable of carrying a weapon with a mounted MRDS.

8. Due to the improvements in MRDS technology, a MRDS must be approved by the Firearms Proficiency officer prior to authorized carry.

III. Approved Shotgun Manufacturers

A. Remington

B. Winchester

C. Heckler & Koch (Benelli)

D. Mossberg

E. Smith & Wesson

F. Beretta

IV. Additional Shotgun Specifications

A. Only 12-gauge is authorized

B. Only rifled slugs and buckshot are authorized as ammunition

V. Rifles

A. Each rifle to be carried/ used (type, manufacture, action, caliber, modifications, etc.) will be approved by the Firearms Proficiency Officer prior to carry/ use. [Rifles approved for carry/ use prior to 10-01-2020, are deemed to be approved; however, any modification made to said rifle subsequent to said prior approval will render the rifle unapproved and the rifle will need to be presented for new approval to the-Firearms Proficiency Officer.]

1. The rifle must be capable of firing factory .223/5.56 caliber ammunition.
2. Sights will be either factory standard or an approved electronic red-dot sight with secondary hard sights capable of co-witnessing with the electronic sights. Electronic sights will have no magnification.
3. All patrol rifles will meet the TCOLE requirements to be designated as a patrol rifle and will require a final approval of the Agency Firearms Proficiency Officer.
4. Short-barreled firearms will require approval of the Agency Firearms Proficiency Officer. A copy of the Federal Tax Stamp for a short-barreled firearm must be kept on file as part of the annual firearms record.
5. Suppressors will require approval of the Agency Firearms Proficiency Officer. A copy of the Federal Tax Stamp for a suppressor must be kept on file as part of the annual firearms record
6. Any approved Patrol Rifle must have a trigger pull equal to or greater than 4.5 pounds.

VI. Approved Ammunition Manufacturers

- A. Remington
- B. Federal
- C. Winchester
- D. Hornady

VII. Only the following ammunition types are authorized (see also section dealing with shotguns for further information concerning shotgun ammunition)

- A. Military ball
- B. Soft point
- C. Hollow point (lead or jacketed)

VIII. Firearms Proficiency Officer Exceptions

- A. Due to the evolution of technology and Firearms, the Firearms Proficiency Officer may make exceptions to the approved firearms, accessories and modifications.

- a. Examples to include but not limited to weapons assigned to Specialized Operations such as SWAT, Narcotics, K-9, etc.
- B. The request for individual exceptions will be reviewed by the Firearms Proficiency Officer and two other Firearms Instructors. Any exceptions allowed must be unanimous. The Chief Deputy will have final approval of any disputes regarding approval of Firearms, Accessories, and Modifications.