

Section: 5.0 Environmental and Protective Services
- C. Protective Services

Authority: Chief Administrative Officer

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) shall maintain a policy for the handling, care, and use of firearms issued to its Peace Officers(s) for the primary purpose of Animal Control.

Purpose

To regulate the use and storage of firearms and ammunition.

Policy

The M.D. may issue firearms and ammunition to its Peace Officer(s) who may be required to destroy dangerous or injured animals.

(1) Issue Requirements

The issue of any firearm to a Peace Officer is conditional upon:

- (a) satisfactorily completing a training course approved by Alberta Justice;
- (b) the Peace Officer successfully qualifying in the use of that firearm in accordance with this policy;
- (c) approval from the Public Safety Division of Alberta Justice.

(2) Ammunition

- (a) No ammunition other than factory load ammunition shall be used by Peace Officers during the course of their duties.
- (b) Any Peace Officer to whom a firearm is issued will be responsible for ensuring that he/she has at his disposal, at all times, a stock of ammunition adequate to meet his/her requirement for the execution of his/her responsibilities.

(3) Storage and Transportation

When firearms and/or ammunition are in the office:

- (a) the firearm will be stored in a locked cabinet;
- (b) the ammunition will be stored in a locked cabinet separate from the firearms;
- (c) when firearms and ammunition are transported in a Peace Officer vehicle they shall be stored within a locked mounting bracket as follows:
 - (i) the firearms shall be unloaded; and
 - (ii) the ammunition shall be in a separate compartment or carried on the Peace Officer's person.

(4) Inspection

- (a) Any Peace Officer to whom a firearm has been issued will, upon request of their Supervisor, produce the firearm for inspection.
- (b) The Director of Public Safety will arrange for the annual inspection of all firearms being utilized.

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- (c) An inspection will be conducted to determine whether or not the firearm is being maintained in a safe, clean and serviceable manner.
 - (d) Following the inspection, the condition and the apparent manner of maintenance of the firearm shall be recorded.
- (5) Report of Discharge
Any Peace Officer who discharges a firearm on duty shall complete an occurrence report outlining the circumstances under which the firearm was used.
- (6) Recall of Firearms
An issued firearm may be removed from a Peace Officer's possession when:
- (a) the Peace Officer is found to have used a firearm in a manner which is irresponsible or unsafe;
 - (b) an inspection of the firearm reveals that it is not being maintained in a safe, clean, and serviceable manner.
- When a firearm has been removed from a Peace Officer's possession, the firearm will not be returned to him/her until the circumstances which resulted in such action being taken has been reviewed by the Director of Public Safety and Chief Administrative Officer. Upon reviewing the circumstances of a particular case, the Director of Public Safety and the Chief Administrative Officer shall recommend for or against the re-issue of the firearm.
- (7) Qualification
All Peace Officers will be required to undergo annual firearm testing in accordance with Alberta Justice Standards.

Policy Review

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

For administrative use only:

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