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**"INTEGRITY...FAIRNESS...SERVICE"**

**SPECIAL ORDER #2015-01**

**DATE: January 1, 2015**

**TO: All Police Department Personnel. To be announced at Roll Call and a Copy Posted on the Department's Intranet site.**

**RE:** Weapon Mounted Lights for the FNS-40 Caliber Pistol.

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately.

**BACKGROUND:** The use of firearms is one of the most serious aspects of our role as law enforcement officers. The Department has purchased weapon mounted lights to accompany the FNS-40 caliber pistols currently issued to members. These lights will be issued to all sworn members. The weapon mounted lights will enhance a member's ability to identify and engage a target when the member has justification/reason to have their weapon drawn. These lights can also be used as a contact or control device when engaging suspects, and will assist members in firing precise shots in low-light conditions. It is important to note that a weapon mounted light does not eliminate the need for a member to carry a primary flashlight.

**PURPOSE:** To establish procedures for the use of weapon mounted lights.

**RELATIONSHIP TO DEPARTMENTAL VALUES:** This program supports the Department's value of **SERVICE** by ensuring members are trained in the proper techniques to utilize newly issued equipment.

**POLICY:** It is the policy of the Department to train members on the safe use of newly issued equipment.

**PROCEDURES:**

#### **MEMBERS**

- Will not draw their pistol with weapon mounted light solely due to a need for illumination.
- May use a weapon mounted light only after completing a weapon mounted light course provided by the Training Section.
- Will only use weapon mounted lights issued by the Department.
- Are not required to use weapon mounted lights on their pistols.

#### **APPROVED USES OF WEAPON MOUNTED LIGHTS**

- Situations in which the use or display of the firearm is authorized by the Department's use of force policy.

#### **PROHIBITED USES OF WEAPON MOUNTED LIGHTS**

- For illumination during non-threat activities (e.g., examining a driver's license, looking into a vehicle, general searching, etc.).

#### **WEAPON MOUNTED LIGHT ACTIVATION**

- Completed by the weak hand index finger or thumb.  
**NOTE:** Using the index finger of the strong hand may lead to an accidental discharge.

**SPECIAL ORDER #2015-01 (Continuation)**

**MATERIALS & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNIT**

- Adds weapon mounted lights to members' lists of Department issued equipment.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** This Special Order will be distributed electronically to all Department members. Shift/Unit supervisors will be responsible for the referencing of this Special Order.

By order of,

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