

Guns and Ammo

Pistols approved for duty must be qualified with prior to carrying on duty. The SDG qualification standards are an 85% on our target with our course of fire. The state's minimum standard will keep you qualified with TXDPS, but will not qualify you to work a shift with SDG.

You are only allowed to carry one pistol at a time. There are no back up firearms allowed. You may carry a knife.

Every 6 months in April and October we will hold company-wide qualifications as part of in-service training. You must qualify every 6 months with each gun you carry to continue carrying it. You are allowed to qualify with a level 3 gun and a (usually smaller) level 4 gun.

Guns must have factory triggers. No aftermarket or drop in triggers. This includes competition triggers.

Pistol mounted lights are not approved.

Lasers are not approved.

Engravings or aftermarket symbols on a gun or magazine can only consist of scripture, Christian symbols or the American flag. Superheroes and cartoon characters are not approved and damage our command presence and professionalism.

Any gun used in an event that violates our policy could result in not being covered by SDG insurance.

Ammunition approved is Speer LE Gold Dot. The 9mm is Luger +P 124 grain. We also allow for Hornady Critical Defense. Other ammunitions are ok on request.

Reload ammo is only approved for practice.

FN 5.7 is not approved.

It is important to understand that our ammo restrictions are for the safety of ourselves and those we protect. If you carry unapproved ammunition, you may not be covered by SDG insurance in case of an event.

Extra precautions shall be taken to ensure the care, security and maintenance of weapons used by Sheepdog Officers. Use of Force procedures should be reviewed for the lawful and appropriate use of a firearm or weapon. In addition, all officers should store their weapon(s) in a secure, locked area when not in your possession to prevent theft, accidental discharge, access to or misuse by unauthorized persons.

Remember in Texas it is against the law to not properly store your weapon. Texas PENAL § 46.13 IT IS UNLAWFUL TO STORE, TRANSPORT, OR ABANDON AN UNSECURED FIREARM IN A PLACE WHERE CHILDREN ARE LIKELY TO BE AND CAN OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE FIREARM."

Proper care of all duty weapons includes the cleaning of barrel bores and external surfaces. Weapons and ammunition should be examined during biannual firearms training as well as during daily/monthly shift inspections to ensure cleanliness and proper operation. Each security officer will be held responsible for the appropriate care of his or her weapons and equipment.

Anyone found in violation of SDG policy will be de-commissioned or relieved of service. It is important to not only yourself, but also the other Sheepdogs that we maintain our standards and professionalism. If you miss a semi-annual qualification with your firearm in April or October, you will be de-commissioned the following July 1 or January 1 until you are able to qualify with myself or one of our qualified instructors. It is important to understand that if you are not in compliance and you carry a firearm or the SDG badge, you are committing a jailable offense and will NOT be covered by SDG insurance in the case of an incident.