

MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL ORDER



BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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Introduction: It shall be the policy of the Minneapolis Police Department not to sell firearms owned by the Department that had previously been in-service for use by Department members.

Because of the prevalence of crimes involving guns that originated in lawful purchases within the State, we cannot guarantee that a firearm previously owned by the MPD would not end up being used to facilitate a violent crime in the future.

Previously, the MPD had sold used firearms back to FFL dealers. That practice shall cease immediately. This policy is being updated to prohibit selling MPD firearms to any outside entity. MPD firearms and components that are taken out of service and not returned to service will be destroyed.

Effective with the issuance of this Special Order, Section 5-402 of the MPD Policy and Procedure Manual shall be amended as follows:

5-402 MPD Armory
(11/27/02) ~~(03/11/16)~~ (05/03/24)

A. Transfers Through the Rangemaster

Department-owned ~~armament~~ firearms and components shall be transferred only through the MPD Rangemaster. Commanders may make temporary loans within the department to meet emergency needs, but the Rangemaster must be notified as soon as practical.

B. Armory Access

Only ~~those with the rank of Commander and above, the on-duty Watch Commander, the Rangemaster, and~~ those working for the Rangemaster, are authorized to approve access to the MPD Armory, unless access is authorized by the Chief of Police. ~~(03/11/16)~~

~~Exception: Weapons and other armaments belonging to the Emergency Response Unit (ERU) are excluded from this section. These armaments shall be transferred through the ERU Commander or the ERU Coordinator.~~

C. Inventory Records

The Rangemaster shall maintain inventory records for Department-owned firearms. Units and precincts maintaining firearms shall report changes in their inventory to the Rangemaster.

D. Destruction of Firearms

When Department-owned firearms and firearm components are taken out of service, they shall not be sold or otherwise released back to the vendor or any other outside entity. They shall be retained by MPD and will be destroyed by Property and Evidence if they are not returned to service. Property and Evidence shall maintain the destruction records.