

May 15, 2003

ADMINISTRATION BUREAU MEMORANDUM NO. 03-5

SUBJECT: Firearms-Free Training Environment

Effective May 19, 2003, all physical training, defensive tactics training, firearm retention training, field force training and rapid response training will be conducted in a firearms-free environment.

Numerous instances of shooting deaths and injuries have occurred in law enforcement training scenarios across the nation when firearms have been introduced into the training environment. In an effort to create a safer learning environment, firearms will be prohibited from being brought into the above listed training sessions.

Department members will be required to secure their firearms in their vehicles prior to entering the training facility. The prohibition against bringing firearms into the training environment will not include officers that are attending classroom training that does not have a physical component or visiting a training facility for administrative or personal reasons.

If the training is conducted at a location that requires security for the parking lot, Training Division personnel will make arrangements for security to be present.

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