



Peace Officer Use of a Shotgun

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Department: Administration
Authority: Council
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Policy Statement:

Lamont County recognizes that there are circumstances where a Peace Officer may need to use a shotgun in the execution of his/her duties.

Purpose:

Subject to the provisions of this policy and in accordance with the Peace Officers Act, Peace Officers Regulations and the Peace Officer Ministerial Regulations, the Peace Officer is authorized to use a shotgun.

Application of This Policy:

The issue of a shotgun to a Peace Officer is conditional upon;

- Authorization of his/her Appointment as a Peace Officer issued by the Alberta Solicitor General
 - Successful completion of a training course on the use, handling and storage of a shotgun by a qualified instructor
 - The Peace Officer will be required to re-certify every 24 months on the shotgun (or soon if required by the Employer)
- Approve uses
- The use of the shotgun by the Peace Officer will be limited to the use as set out in the Animal Protection Act and the Dangerous Dog Act

Procedures

- The Peace Officer will be required to have the shotgun in his Peace Officer vehicle while on duty
- The Peace Officer must report the use of the shotgun as soon as is practical to the Chief Administration Officer
- The Peace Officer must produce an incident report as soon as practical in relation to the use of the shotgun
- The Peace Officer must provide the incident report of the use of the shotgun to the Public Security Division of the Solicitor General
- The Peace Officer will discharge the shotgun only as set in the Dangerous Dog Act and the Animal Protection Act

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- The Peace Officer will advise the appropriate RCMP detachment of the use of the shotgun
 - Storage and maintenance
 - The Peace Officer will maintain the shotgun in good working order at all times
 - The Peace officer will be responsible for proper storage of the shotgun and the ammunition
 - The peace Officer if finishing at his residence will ensure that the shotgun and ammunition is properly stored in an approved storage locker
 - The Peace Officer if storing the shotgun and ammunition at the office will ensure that it is stored in an approved storage locker
 - The Peace Officer will ensure, while on duty, the shotgun is properly secured in the Peace Officer vehicle

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