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An option that should be available to college campus law enforcement officers**

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ABSTRACT

Is there a need for college campus law enforcement officers to have the optional ability to carry back up firearms to possibly help increase their survival on the streets in critical incident situations?

Literature researched concerning back up firearms revealed the need for campus law enforcement officers to have this “tool” made available to them. This thorough research into this topic, combined with the author’s knowledge, training and experience, leads to the conclusion that there is a justifiable need for most any given officer’s agency to extend the back up firearms option to their officers. Additional research shows that historically, a significant number of U.S. law enforcement officers are feloniously assaulted and/or killed each year. Firearms are the weapons most often used by assailants. Typically, officers employed by traditional agencies at the local, state and federal levels suffer the majority of the losses each year. However, in recent years, two campus officers have become part of those grim statistics.

The author suggests that campus law enforcement management personnel, who currently do not allow their officers the back up firearm option, should reconsider and review any applicable policies, statistics or any other relevant information relating to this issue. Despite the common misguided beliefs by some college administrators or managers that the collegiate setting is somehow immune from violent crimes, recent past events at some of our nation’s campuses have clearly demonstrated this environment is *not* immune after all.

Affording the back up firearms option to campus law enforcement officers may make a difference in a crisis situation. And, it may also avoid potential liability.

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INTRODUCTION

Is there a need for college campus law enforcement officers to have the optional ability to carry back firearms to possibly help increase their survival on the streets in critical situations? There are historical incidents and data which relates to the back up firearm issue which supports this option being made available to campus law enforcement officers. A significant number of law enforcement officers are feloniously assaulted and/or killed each year. Firearms are the leading cause of law enforcement officer deaths. These deaths are inclusive of two campus law enforcement officers who were also killed in the line of duty in recent years.

There are several justifiable reasons which support the option of having back up firearms available to campus law enforcement officers. A careful review of this information should make one logically conclude that the back up firearm option is much like an insurance policy which helps avert tragic results for law enforcement officers. Back up firearms should be an available option to the campus law enforcement officer. When dealing with the criminal element, law enforcement officers need every advantage possible, in conjunction with the regularity of quality training, to improve the odds they'll consistently "win" the situations they encounter with the criminal element.

The purpose of this project is to conduct thorough research into the issue of allowing campus law enforcement officers the optional ability to carry back up firearms. This project will search for meaningful and beneficial information designed to educate and inform management level decision makers of the history, dynamics and benefits of back up firearms. If the back up firearms option is permitted by more campus law enforcement agencies around the country that previously did not allow this option, the

results of this research will provide effected officers another tool to better insure their safety. And, when the back up firearm is deployed under the appropriate circumstances, it perhaps reduces the chances of violently assaulted officers from being hospitalized or, in worst cases, lessens the likelihood of future officer funerals. A possibly overlooked benefit may include improved morale among rank and file officers as well.

This research is intended to take an extensive and comprehensive review of the benefits of having the available option for officers to have a back up firearm. Research was obtained from modern text, internet web sites, professional magazines or newspaper publications and journal articles in addition to applying the author's own experiences or observations gained in 14-years as a law enforcement officer. This will be the methodology of this research.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

The intent of this research is to collect and provide sufficient information that will help persuade campus law enforcement agency administrators/managers to allow their officers to carry back up firearms. Currently, at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, University Police Department, law enforcement officers are forbidden to carrying back up firearms by the Chief of Police. However, under The University of Texas System Police policy number III-74-IA, officers can carry more than one firearm at one time if specifically authorized by the component institution's Chief of Police (The University of Texas System Police, Carrying and Discharge of Firearms, 1996).

The literature researched concerning back up firearms revealed the need for campus law enforcement officers to have this "tool" made available to them. This

thorough research into this topic, combined with the author's knowledge, training and experience, leads to the conclusion there is a justifiable need for most any given agency to extend the back up firearm option to their officers. Additional research shows that historically, a significant number of U.S. law enforcement officers are feloniously assaulted or killed each year. Firearms are the weapons most often used by assailants. Typically, officers employed by traditional agencies at the local, state and federal levels suffer the majority of the losses each year. However, in recent years, two campus officers have become part of those grim statistics.

A review of reference sources concerning back up firearms was primarily limited to modern literature. Several sources were found in recent professional-related publications such as magazines and newspapers. Other sources of information were gathered from a number of internet sources. The methodology used for this research will be reliant upon the located source material information and the application of the author's personal experiences or observations.

A review of classic and modern literature relating to the back up firearms for this project appears to be primarily from modern materials such as modern text, internet web sites, professional magazines and newspaper publications. Research shows an abundance of statistical information relating to law enforcement assaults and deaths which are reported each year. Several officers across the country are killed by a variety of means and circumstances. And, in addition, the information sources also seem to support the trend that officers are killed most often with firearms (Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2000, 2001).

Sources have shown that the back up firearm concept has some significant historical basis. Most notably, and perhaps the most significant, was the abduction of Los Angeles (CA) Police Officers Ian Campbell and Karl Hettinger on March 9, 1963. Both officers were disarmed of their primary firearms and then forced to drive some 90 miles outside of Los Angeles to a remote onion field. Just after midnight on March 10, 1963, Campbell was shot to death by Gregory Powell but Hettinger was able to escape from his captors (Wambaugh, 1973).

The onion field incident is generally widely known by most officers in the profession and regarded to be one of the common reasons why officers may carry a back up firearm. Joseph Wambaugh, who is also a former Los Angeles Police Detective, has written a book called *The Onion Field* about this infamous incident. A movie has also been produced based upon Wambaugh's book as well.

Where permitted, having a concealed handgun, (or other weapon such as a knife), which evades detection by a hostage taker can potentially give an officer an advantage at a critical moment. "If you're disarmed of your primary weapon, having a second weapon, (called "the principle of redundancy" or "Onion Field insurance"), translates into having a second chance" (Remsberg, 1986).

Others argue that a second gun is the fastest reload. And, while most law enforcement officers may not be required to carry an alternate weapon, approximately 50% of all officers do. Typically, a back up gun is used when you're out of ammunition or disarmed. It can also help you recover from a mechanical malfunction (Adams, McTernan & Remsberg, 1980).

Both the FBI and a number of organizations have conducted a lot of research into what actually happens during a gun fight. A common factor is both officers and suspects are shot in their gun hands, gun arms and gun sides of their bodies (Police The Law Enforcement Magazine, September 2002). So, if you're shot in your gun arm, what do you do? How do you reload? Basically, there are two options; discard the primary and draw the back up gun or, if no back up gun is available, reloading is the only other option. "It's tricky but not impossible" (Police The Law Enforcement Magazine, April 2003).

Research uncovered a recent situation that occurred on April 3, 2003 where Houston (TX) Police Officer Charles Clark responded to a robbery-in-progress call. He did not wait for back up officers and entered the store. He was shot in the shoulder but managed to return fire with one round before his gun malfunctioned. As he tried to call for help, he was shot in the head at close range. It is unknown why the gun malfunctioned (The Blues Police Newspaper, May 2003). The article did not indicate whether or not Clark had a back up firearm.

Another situation involved Dallas (TX) Police Corporal Gary Reeves Blair on March 20, 1986. He was shot and killed with his own gun after struggling with a motorist during a traffic stop. However, he was able to access his back up gun and shot and killed the suspect (The Officer Down Memorial Page Remembers Corporal Gary Reeves Blair, n.d.).

Critical incidents or potentially deadly scenarios are not exclusively limited to municipal law enforcement officers as mentioned in the examples in the preceding

paragraphs. Campus law enforcement officers can find themselves confronted with similar circumstances as well.

Jason Goodrich, Chief of Police at Southern Arkansas University, expressed an interesting opinion recently in *American Police Beat* in response to an article written in an earlier edition of this publication about campus law enforcement officers. The author of the controversial article is unknown. The article in question rendered the opinion that campus police officers had “a lot of time on their hands” and “don’t respond too much besides noise and booze complaints.” Chief Goodrich responded to the unknown author’s opinion with, “My officers respond to rapes, aggravated assaults, drug distribution, kidnapping, shots fired and the rest of the gamut of law enforcement calls and we work at a rather small campus.” He further commented, “Officers at even larger campuses have recently had to contend with active shooters, bombings, anthrax scares and riots.” And finally, “Campuses like Ohio State and The University of Nevada, where officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, might also feel differently” (*American Police Beat*, April 2003).

The University of Nevada, Reno Police lost Sergeant George P. Sullivan on January 13, 1998. After being flagged down for assistance by Saiosi Vanisi, Sgt. Sullivan exited his patrol vehicle to assist this person. Vanisi then ambushed the officer with a hatchet striking him more than 30 times about the head and face (George P. Sullivan Memorial Page, 2003).

And, Ohio State University Police lost Police Officer Michael Blankenship on February 10, 1997. Ofc. Blankenship was shot and killed while responding to a theft call

with another officer at a University center. His assailant committed suicide (The Officer Down Memorial Page Remembers Police Officer Michael Blankenship, n.d.).

Based on the available information located by the author, none of the source materials concerning either officer's case indicated any information in reference to back up firearms being accessible or available to the officers at the time they were feloniously assaulted and killed.

Campus police officers often face similar critical situations or circumstances much like other officers who may, for example, work for a municipality. Despite the common misguided beliefs by some college administrators or managers that the collegiate setting is somehow immune from criminal activity, crime does occur on our nation's campuses which are inclusive of violent crime. Sources show that the back up firearm concept has historical basis which appears to primarily originate from the Los Angeles (CA) Police Department. While on duty, two Los Angeles police officers were disarmed of their primary handguns and kidnapped in 1963 during a traffic stop. One of the officers was eventually shot to death by their captors. This infamous incident, which is generally widely known by many law enforcement officers, has been recognized as one of the primary reasons why a lot of officers choose to carry a back up gun.

Experts argue that back up firearms provide a variety of benefits such as faster reloading. Some discussion was noted about studies concerning what actually occurs during shooting situations that have a significant impact on this issue. To better support or illustrate by example how a back up firearms can potentially benefit an officer, actual officer-involved critical incident situations, which resulted in officer and/or suspect deaths, were reviewed. In one noted incident, an officer was disarmed and fatally shot

with his own handgun. Before succumbing to his wounds, he was able to access and return fire with his back up weapon killing his assailant (The Officer Down Memorial Page Remembers Corporal Gary Reeves Blair, n.d.). Sources concerning the other noted officers in this research, who were also killed in the line of duty, did not indicate any specific information pertaining to the presence or use of a back up firearms in any of the incidents in question. However, the circumstances surrounding each officer's death leads one to speculate whether or not the presence of a back up firearm would have changed the eventual outcome in each scenario.

Can the worst case scenarios happen on our nation's campuses? Ostrich-mentality policies and rules & regulations that ignore potential dangers on campuses cannot thwart crime on campus. Nor can campus police prevent crime before it happens any better than any other law enforcement officers who patrol the streets of America (Shield, Spring 2003). Not allowing campus law enforcement officers the ability to carry back up guns deprives the officer the ability of possibly saving their own lives in a crisis and may constitute an enormous liability (Police The Law Enforcement Magazine, June 2003). The unfortunate reality is, as discovered by the author, two campus law enforcement officers have already paid the ultimate price in recent years.

METHODOLOGY

Is there a need for college campus law enforcement officers to have the optional ability to carry back up firearms to possibly help increase their survival on the streets in critical situations?

A survey was conducted with other University of Texas System component police departments by email. This survey was to determine which departments permitted their

officers to carry back up weapons. If a response from a given department indicated they were not permitted to exercise the back up firearms option, they were also asked to provide additional comments surrounding why this option was prohibited at their department. On the other hand, if the back up firearm was permitted, respondents were also asked to specify if there were any incidents where the back up firearm was utilized by the officer(s).

A similar email survey was sent to subscribing members through the UNIVPD-L listserv. This listserv is specifically utilized by sworn campus law enforcement officer subscribers which appear to be limited to a national level. Two surveys were used to obtain a general idea of how campuses outside The UT System viewed the back up firearm option. Respondents were also asked to answer questions to assist in determining the following:

- If back up firearms are allowed, instances of when (if any) the back up firearm was utilized and under what circumstances?
- If back up firearms are NOT allowed, what are the circumstances surrounding the reason why it is not permitted?

A chart has been constructed to provide additional details of the survey findings. See Appendix B.

FINDINGS

Research shows an abundance of statistical information relating to law enforcement assaults and deaths which are reported each year. In 2002, 147 law enforcement officers were killed across the nation in the line of duty. Texas leads the nation with 15 fatalities. Of the 147 officers killed, 55 were shot to death (Texas Police

Journal, 2002). “Firearms were the weapons most often used in the murders of the nation’s law enforcement officers in 2000 and were employed in 47 of 51 officer deaths. Handguns, one of which was the victim officer’s own service weapon, were used in 33 of the murders” (Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted, 2000, 2001).

If an officer isn’t killed, on average, more than 60,000 law enforcement officers are assaulted annually. Of this figure, 19,000 are injured (NLEOMF: Police Facts and Figures, 2002). Criminal activity does occur on many of our nation’s campuses. As an example, 2001 statistical information from The University of Texas System Police shows that 2,912 index crimes were reported in 2001. A figure which has increased 8.9% from 2000 statistics (The University of Texas System Police, 2001 Annual Report, 2001).

An email-based survey primarily focusing upon the back up firearm issue was conducted both among other University of Texas System component police departments and from an internet-based listserv which has a target audience of university/college law enforcement agency subscribers. A significant number of responses were received from agencies outside the State of Texas.

There are 15 component institutions with law enforcement agencies in The University of Texas System. Surveys were sent to 9 out of the 15 institution police departments. Only 6 departments responded to the survey. Of the respondents, only 1 department, The University of Texas at San Antonio Police, permitted their officers to carry back up firearms. The other 5 departments did not.

A similar email survey was on sent on two occasions to 370 subscribing members through the UNIVPD-L listserv. This listserv is specifically utilized by sworn campus law enforcement officer subscribers which appear to be limited to a national

level. Despite the effort to solicit a significant number of responses, only 18 responses were received. Interestingly, in contrast to The University of Texas System Police responses, 11 departments allow their officers to carry back up firearms. The other 7 did not. See Appendix A.

Agencies that do allow officers to carry back up firearms typically require the officer to acquire this equipment at the officer's expense. Commonly, this firearm must be an approved brand and model by the department. However, some departments, such as the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Police (TX), will provide a standard issue back up firearm to officers who choose to carry it (DART Transit Police, Regulatory Directives, 1998).

Ostrich-mentality policies-rules & regulations that ignore potential dangers on campuses cannot thwart crime on campus. Nor can campus police prevent crime before it happens any better than any other law enforcement officers who patrol the streets of America (Shield, Spring 2003). Not allowing campus law enforcement officers the ability to carry back up firearms deprives them of the ability of possibly saving their own lives in a crisis and may constitute an enormous liability (Police The Law Enforcement Magazine, June 2003).

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS

Is there a need for college campus law enforcement officers to have the optional ability to carry back up fire arms to possibly help increase their survival on the streets during critical incident situations?

The information researched in reference to the back up firearm issue revealed the benefits of optional back up firearms carried by officers. The results lead to the

conclusion that there are several legitimate reasons why this option should be made available to campus law enforcement officers. Additional research shows that department administrators who deny their officers this proven means of saving his or her life in crisis situation could constitute an enormous liability (Police The Law Enforcement Magazine, June 2003).

Perhaps a worst-case scenario example which shows when a back up firearm would be utilized involved Dallas (TX) Police Corporal Gary Reeves Blair. After being disarmed during a struggle with a motorist and mortally wounded with his own duty gun, he was able to successfully access, deploy and return fire with his back up gun. A particularly important point should be noted as well concerning Cpl. Blair's situation. Back up firearms, which are only one of many other "tools" some officers often carry on duty, do not guarantee the officer's survival as depicted in Cpl. Blair's case. I would hypothesize that Cpl. Blair may not have realized he was fatally wounded at that time but, in an effort to survive, he was at least conscious of the fact that he had a back up firearm and used this option before he expired. Unfortunately, he did not survive but at least he had "something" to give him another chance.

Would a back up firearm, if it were available at the time, had made a difference for Houston Police Officer Charles Clark? Or, would it have made any difference for The University of Nevada, Reno Police Sergeant George Sullivan or, Ohio State University Police Officer Michael Blankenship? Arguably, the answer to any of these other tragic situations without knowing further specific details would be pure speculation.

Nevertheless, Ofc. Clark's situation in particular seems to at least suggest that perhaps a back up firearm could have made a difference. Ofc. Clark's primary weapon

malfunctioned after firing one round and he was also shot in the shoulder. These facts in this case appear to meet some of the primary examples that support the benefit of having a back up weapon as noted in the author's research findings. Critical incidents or potentially deadly scenarios are not exclusively limited to municipal law enforcement officers as mentioned in the examples in the preceding paragraphs. Campus law enforcement officers can find themselves confronted with similar circumstances as well.

With regard to Sgt. Sullivan or Ofc. Blankenship, it is unknown whether or not a back up firearm, even if it were available to either officer at the time of their deadly encounters, would have made a difference in their situations. However, the most important issue should not be overlooked. These officer deaths unfortunately represent the fact that the worst case scenario can happen to campus law enforcement officers.

Campus police officers often face similar critical situations or circumstances much like other officers who may, for example, work for a municipality. Despite the common misguided beliefs by some college administrators or managers that the collegiate setting is somehow immune from criminal activity, crime does occur on our nation's campuses which are inclusive of violent crime.

If recognized and permitted by more college campus law enforcement agencies that previously did not allow this option, the results may possibly lead to fewer officers being feloniously assaulted and/or killed. An old saying perhaps drives home the point of this research concerning the back up firearm issue, "It's better to have and not need than to need and not have."

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Appendix A

**Chart # 1: Back Up Weapon Information Request - Survey
The University of Texas System Police Respondents**

AGENCY NAME	BACK UP IS PERMITTED	BACK UP NOT PERMITTED	DEPARTMENT HAVE A BACK UP WEAPON POLICY?	BACK UP NOT PERMITTED, WHY?	BACK UP EVER UTILIZED BY OFFICERS? IF YES, CIRCUMSTANCES.	OTHER/COMMENTS
UT Austin PD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	No response to survey.
UT Brownsville PD		X	No	Officers have not requested this option.	N/A	Issue would be reviewed if requested by officers.
UT El Paso PD		X	Yes	Internal unwritten policy.	N/A	Issue not previously addressed by present Chief with supervisory personnel.
UT Health Science Center San Antonio PD		X	No	Not approved.	N/A	Issue not previously discussed. Belief Chief would not approve.
UT Medical Branch PD		X	No	Only PD issued weapons allowed.	N/A	PD weapons only allowed to be carried on duty.
UT San Antonio PD	X		Yes		No comments.	Firearms must comply with PD's firearm standards and UT System policy.

**Chart # 2: Back Up Weapon Information Request - Survey
Other Police Agency Respondents**

APPENDIX-B

Agency Name	Back up is permitted	Back up not permitted	Department have a back up weapon policy?	Back up not permitted, Why?	Back up ever utilized by officers? circumstances?	Other/comments
Austin Community College PD, TX	X		Yes		No	Weapon must conform to PD General Order and officer must qualify with weapon.
CSU-Longbeach PD, CA	X		Yes		One incident involving an accidental discharge during an arrest situation before policy was made for back up firearms.	
Community College Bureau, LA County Sheriff, CA	X		Yes		Several times. Notes agency is under contract to provide LE and Security to LA Community College District.	Must attend training with weapon and qualify every 4 months.
Central Michigan University PD, MI	X		Yes		No	Any weapon used on or off-duty must be registered with PD.
Emory University PD, GA	X		Yes		Respondent has personally utilized back up weapon twice. Once off-duty. Another time provided it to another detective.	Newly developed and approved policy will be implemented this summer (2003).
Kansas State University PD, KS	X		Yes		No	Encourages officer to carry weapons of similar caliber and brand.
Lansing Community College PD, MI	X		Yes		No	None of current 12 officers are using/carrying a back up weapon at present.
MIT PD, MA		X	Yes	Department policy.	No	Urban environment with several other officers on duty. Close relationship noted with city & state police. Quick response times noted.
San Diego State University PD, CA	X		Yes		No	Weapon must be approved with range master. Officer must qualify twice per year.
Southeastern Louisiana University PD, LA	X		Yes		No	Similar to primary weapon requirements, back up must also meet these requirements.
SUNY @ Buffalo PD, NY		X	No	No known specific reason(s).	No	Noted that each institution President in SUNY system makes decision to arm campus force. 2 of 28 SUNY campuses still unarmed.
SUNY @ Plattsburgh PD, NY		X	Yes	Only carry issued weapon.	No	SUNY policy requires state-owned weapon carried only AND officers are required to leave it at work—no take home guns. Also notes some campuses in SUNY not armed.
Towson University PD, MD		X	No	No reason noted.	No	
West Valley-Mission College PD, CA	X		Yes		No	Notes importance of guidelines concerning type of weapon carried by officers. Otherwise officers may carry exotic or cheap guns.
University of Illinois PD, IL	X		Yes		Not in 10-years	Notes officers must qualify with approved models of weapons. PD provides ammunition.
University of Maryland DPS, MD		X	No	Liability issues. Chief feels not needed.	No	Notes MA is a very pro gun-control state. Not many agencies in area allow back up firearms.
University of Missouri-Columbia PD, MO		X	No	Per written policy.	No	
University of Vermont PD, VT		X	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	

Tue, Apr 29, 2003 3:49 PM

Subject: <no subject>

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 1:59 PM

From: Cheryl Vossmer <crimbite@MIT.EDU>

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

No

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option? **Departmental Policy**

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened. **No**

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

We are located in an urban environment with an average of 6 officers, plus supervisors, on per-shift with a close working relationship with the city and state police who will respond within moments if called.

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Mon, Dec 30, 2002 4:08 PM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Date: Thursday, December 26, 2002 1:11 PM

From: William Van Horn <wvanhorn@uts.cc.utexas.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>

Cc: <r.ewan@mail.utexas.edu>

I have forwarded a copy of your questions to Lieutenant Robert Ewan. I am going to let Lt. Ewan address your questions since he handles SOPs and would be able to furnish you what we currently follow.

Best regards,

Sergeant W. Van Horn

Date: Tue, 24 Dec 2002 20:05:21 -0600
From: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>
Subject: Back Up Weapon Information Request
To: wvanhorn@uts.cc.utexas.edu
MIME-version: 1.0
User-Agent: Microsoft-Entourage/9.0.2.4011
Status:

Sgt. Van Horn.

I am doing an informal survey concerning back up weapons and am hopeful you can share any thoughts or information about this issue as it relates to your department. If you can assist, I would like to specifically know:

- * Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?
- * If the answer is "yes" to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun? (Aside from any related UT System Police policy requirements).
- * If the answer is "no" to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

We are reviewing this possible option in our department. Any information concerning this issue would be appreciated!

Sincerely,

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Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Date: Friday, December 27, 2002 10:01 PM

From: Valles, Allison <allvalle@utep.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>

Cc: "Hanna, Michael A. (POLICE)" <mhanna@utep.edu>

Lt.

Best wishes this holiday. I am in receipt of your email and will be forwarding this to my Lt. for his comments.

At present we are not allowed to carry a backup weapon. I believe this has been an internal (unwritten) policy from our Chief Rodriguez who retired approx. 3 years ago.

I cannot recall this being addressed by our present Chief (Chief Adcox). The only reason I can think of why this has not been addressed is that the previous supervisors at the Sergeant's level never brought this up for discussion. Myself and the other new patrol sergeants have not addressed this issue.

I most definitely would like for Lt. Hanna to address your questions as well, as he may have a different perspective since he was in Criminal Investigations and was closer to the Chief.

Sgt. A. Valles

-----Original Message-----

From: Lt. Charles Sheridan

To: allvalle@utep.edu

Sent: 12/24/2002 7:09 PM

Subject: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Sgt. Valles.

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We are reviewing this possible option in our department. Any information concerning this issue would be appreciated!

Sincerely,

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(214) 648-8311 Main PD Phone
(214) 648-2829 Fax
PD Web Site URL: www.UTSouthwestern.edu/police/

Tue, Jan 21, 2003 11:56 AM

Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 11:19 AM

From: Smith, Larry <lsmith@utmb.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>

Cc: "Brown, Charles D." <cbrown@utmb.edu>, "Turner, Sandy P." <sturner@utmb.edu>

We do not allow back up weapons. Only department issued weapons are allowed to be carried on duty.

Larry M. Smith

Training

UTMB Police

R.A.D.

409.772.6658

Lost & Found

FAX 409.772.0524

Crime Prevention

-----Original Message-----

From: Lt. Charles Sheridan [mailto:Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2002 8:12 PM

To: lsmith@utmb.edu

Subject: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Lt. Smith,

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Sincerely,

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Charles T. Sheridan
Lieutenant

The University of Texas
Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas,
University Police Department
5323 Harry Hines Blvd.

- > why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?
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- > 4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a
- > situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary
- > of what happened.

Several times. My agency is a contract to provide law enforcement and security for The Los Angeles Community College Dist.

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- > 5. Any other helpful relevant information.
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- > **In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency
- > name,
- > agency mailing address and phone.**
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- > Many thanks in advance! Anything anyone can do to assist me with this
- > endeavor is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any
- > questions via email or phone. My schedule is typically M-P, 07:30 to
- > 16:00
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- > Sincerely.
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Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:20 AM

Subject: Fw: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2003 11:08 PM

From: sissam <sissam@prodigy.net>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

responses are under each question.

Janet H. Williams, Captain
Community College Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
855 N. Vermont Ave AD115
Los Angeles, CA 90029
323-669-7555

----- Original Message -----

From: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

To: <UNIVPD-L&LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU>

Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2003 3:38 PM

Subject: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

> To All,

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> I have been attending the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas
> (LEMIT) Law Command College. URL link to the school I am attending:

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> <http://www.shsu.edu/~lemnit/>

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> administrative research paper. I am doing some research on back weapon
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get.

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> please send it to me via email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (I also suspect
everyone

> on the list server does NOT necessarily want to receive all potential
> responses to my inquiry):

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> charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu

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> SURVEY QUESTIONS

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> 1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in
> conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Law enforcement yes, armed security officers no

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> 2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department
policy

> and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to
> carry the back up gun?

Policy states what guns can be carried as back up. Must attend training
with the weapon before they can carry. Additionally, must qualify with the
weapon every 4 months.

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> 3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified
reason(s)

Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:11 AM

Subject: backup handgun policy

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2003 9:43 AM

From: seth.silver@plattsburgh.edu

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

Lt.-

Figured I'd rspond to your survey on this quiet sunday morning.
State University of NY Police Officers aren't permitted to carry anything other
then the weapon we are issued. According to SUNY policy, we must carry the
state owned weapon and are required to leave it at work (no take home guns). I
think this may be in part due to a few of our campuses still being unarmed.
There are 20 something campuses and I think 3 or 4 of them are unarmed.

Hope this helps, if you need anything further let me know.

Take Care,
Seth Silver, Ptl
SUNY Police
101 Broad Street
Plattsburgh NY 12901
(516) 564-2022

Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:10 AM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2003 9:26 PM

From: Charlie Schwoerke <charles.schwoerke@sdsu.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

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>SURVEY QUESTIONS

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>1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in
>conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

YES

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>2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy
>and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to
>carry the back up gun?

YES

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>3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s)
>why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

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>4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a
>situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary
>of what happened.

NO

>

>5. Any other helpful relevant information.

THE WEAPON MUST BE APPROVED BY THE RANGEMASTER AND THE OFFICER MUST
QUALIFY WITH IT AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR.

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>**In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name,
>agency mailing address and phone.**

LT. CHARLES SCHWOERKE
SDSU POLICE
5500 CAMPANILE DR.
SAN DIEGO, CA 92182-8210
(619) 594-6673

Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:10 AM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request
Date: Saturday, April 19, 2003 6:47 PM
From: Randy Rogers <rrogers@hsc.unt.edu>
To: <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

>>> Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU 04/19/03 SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty? Yes
2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun? Yes
3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?
4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? No
5. Any other helpful relevant information. The backup I carry is a Glock 27 (40cal.) and my primary duty gun is the Glock 22 (20 cal.). I carry the G27 for the simple fact that if for some reason my primary gun is inoperable, the magazines for the G22 fit the G27.

Hope this information has been helpful and Stay safe...

Randy

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Randy R. Rogers, Sgt
UNT Health Science Center at Fort Worth
Police Department
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd
Fort Worth, TX 76107-2699
ORI: TX2204900
Office: 817-735-0401
Dispatch: 817-735-2210
Fax: 817-735-5404

Thu, Apr 24, 2003 10:58 AM

Subject: Fwd: Back Up Weapon Survey Request
Date: Thursday, April 24, 2003 10:39 AM
From: Ernie Rodrigues <ernie_rodrigues@wvmccd.cc.ca.us>
To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Yes

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

The gun must be approved by the department range master, and the officer must qualify with that weapon.

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

N/A

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

No

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

It is important that guidelines are given into what type of gun the officer can carry off duty or as a backup. Otherwise, you will have officers carrying pen guns, exotic type or cheap guns.

****In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name, agency mailing address and phone.****

Officer Ernie Rodrigues
Patrol/Training
West Valley-Mission College Police
14000 Fruitvale Avenue
Saratoga, CA. 95070
408-741-2092

----- End forwarded message -----

Ernie Rodrigues
District Police

Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 1:09 PM
From: Robison, Rox A. <RobisonRA@missouri.edu>
To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

- Good luck on your paper!

-----Original Message-----

First, my thanks and appreciation to all who have responded thus far to my survey. I value the input!!!

Again, many thanks in advance to all if you choose to participate! Take care & be safe.....

Charles Sheridan
Lieutenant

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charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?
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Many thanks in advance! Anything anyone can do to assist me with this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions via email or phone. My schedule is typically M-F, 07:30 to 16:00 hours.

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Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:36 PM

Subject: FW: Back Up Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 1:14 PM

From: Robins, Bruce <brobins@towson.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

My responses are with your questions.

Best wishes & success with your program.
Bruce

N. Bruce Robins, Police Planner
Towson University Police
8000 York Rd.
Towson, MD 21252
p. 410.704.5730
f. 410.704.5984
e. brobins@towson.edu
<http://pages.towson.edu/police>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

NO.

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

N/A

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

There has yet to be a clearly articulable reason, based on locally relevant data, that would support the practice.

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

NO. Not during my 26 years with the University of MD Police, College Park (retired as sgt. in 2001) and not in the 25 year history of the Towson University Police, Towson, MD where I am a non-sworn planner & accreditation manager.

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Tue, Apr 29, 2003 1:02 PM

Subject: Message ("Your message dated Tue, 29 Apr 2003 12:53:10...")

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 12:56 PM

From: L-Soft list server at University at Buffalo (1.8e)
<LISTSERV@LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU>

To: Charles Sheridan <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

Your message dated Tue, 29 Apr 2003 12:53:10 -0500 with subject "Back Up
Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request" has been successfully distributed to the
UNIVFD-L list (370 recipients).

UNIVFD-L

PD Web Site URL: www.UTSouthwestern.edu/police/

Sat, Apr 19, 2003 5:39 PM

Subject: Back Up Weapon Survey Request
Date: Saturday, April 19, 2003 5:38 PM
From: Lt. Charles Sheridan <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>
To: Campus law enforcement officer mailing list
<UNIVPD-L@LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU>

To All,

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charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu

SURVEY QUESTIONS

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Sat, Apr 19, 2003 5:41 PM

Subject: Message ("Your message dated Sat, 19 Apr 2003 17:38:57...")

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2003 5:39 PM

From: L-Soft list server at University at Buffalo (1.8e)
<LISTSERV@LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU>

To: Charles Sheridan <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

Your message dated Sat, 19 Apr 2003 17:38:57 -0500 with subject "Back Up
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LS - Request

Tue, Apr 29, 2003 3:49 PM

Subject: Back up weapons

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 2:25 PM

From: James Phelps <jphelps@dps.state.vt.us>

To: <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

We don't allow the use of back up weapons.

Jim Phelps
University of Vermont Police

University Police Department
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Thu, Jan 9, 2003 3:07 PM

Subject: RE: Back Weapon Information Request

Date: Thursday, January 9, 2003 11:26 AM

From: Stephanie Padula <SPadula@utsa.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>

Lt. Sheridan,

I apologize for the delay in responding to your email.

In response to your questions, yes our officers are allowed to carry backup weapons. We have specific policy in place that provides the guidelines for officers to do so.

Basically the policy states that the firearm must comply with our firearm standards and UT System Policy. Backup weapons must be concealed and only one is authorized. All weapons must be full size and can be semi-auto or revolvers. Also, the Chief can revoke the authority to carry a backup at all times.

I hope this information has helped, let me know if there is anything else I can do.

Sgt. Stephanie Padula
UTSAPD

-----Original Message-----

From: Lt. Charles Sheridan (mailto:Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu)

Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2002 8:10 PM

To: spadula@utsa.edu

Subject: Back Weapon Information Request

Sgt. Padula,

I am doing an informal survey concerning back up weapons and am hopeful you can share any thoughts or information about this issue as it relates to your department. If you can assist, I would like to specifically know:

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We are reviewing this possible option in our department. Any information concerning this issue would be appreciated!

Sincerely,

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Charles T. Sheridan
Lieutenant
The University of Texas
Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas,

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Mon, Dec 30, 2002 4:02 PM

Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Date: Wednesday, December 25, 2002 1:23 PM

From: Mussey, Celeste M <MUSSEY@uthscsa.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>

Lt. Sheridan,

No we don't carry a back up weapon. The reason, I don't believe anyone has broached the subject before, however I know the Chief would not approve.

Capt. Mussey

-----Original Message-----

From: Lt. Charles Sheridan

To: mussey@uthscsa.edu

Sent: 12/24/2002 8:06 PM

Subject: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Captain Mussey,

I am doing an informal survey concerning back up weapons and am hopeful you can share any thoughts or information about this issue as it relates to your department. If you can assist, I would like to specifically know:

* Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

* If the answer is "yes" to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun? (Aside from any related UT System Police policy requirements).

* If the answer is "no" to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

We are reviewing this possible option in our department. Any information concerning this issue would be appreciated!

Sincerely,

Page 1 of 2

LT Robert P. Mueck

University of Maryland Department of Public Safety

Police Services

College Park, MD 20742-6011

(301) 405-7402

rmueck@umpd.umd.edu

Thu, May 1, 2003 8:12 AM

Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2003 7:56 AM

From: Mueck, Robert <RMueck@umpd.umd.edu>

To: "Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU"
<Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

No, not at all

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

The Chief and the University are afraid of the liability, and there is a sense that it simply isn't needed. We carry 40 cal semi-auto's and it's not PC to carry a second handgun.

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened

No

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

Maryland is a very pro gun-control state and not very many agencies here allow back-up weapons. Hope this helps

Bob

LT Robert Mueck, Assistant Patrol Commander

University of Maryland Department of Public Safety

Police Services Bureau

HQ, Bldg 003

College Park, MD 20742-6011

(301) 405-7402

Wed, Apr 30, 2003 8:36 AM

Subject: SURVEY

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2003 6:25 AM

From: Brian_McManus@lcc.edu

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Yes.

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

They must "range qualify" with the backup or off duty weapon.

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

No.

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

None of our current 12 officers are using/carrying a back up weapon at present.

In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name, agency mailing address and phone.

Sgt. Brian McManus
Police & Public Safety Department
Lansing Community College
419 N. Capitol Ave.
PO Box 40010
Lansing, MI 48901-7210
517-483-1799 mac@lcc.edu

Tue, Apr 22, 2003 2:15 PM

Subject: Survey Response

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2003 12:12 PM

From: Bill McCauley <mongo@austincc.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

Lt. Sheridan:

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Our Officers are allowed to carry a back up weapon.

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

The Officer must carry the secondary weapon fully concealed. The weapon must conform to our Use of Force General Order and the Officer must qualify with the weapon. The weapon must also be registered with the Department.

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

No.

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

If you like I can send our General Order.

Lt. Bill McCauley 104

Austin Community College Police Department

9101 Tuscan Way, Austin TX 78754

I supervise operations on four campuses, CID, Communications and Records, Training, and anything else the Chief can throw through my door.

Which modules have you attended? I have finished one and two. I'm also working on my paper.

Regards,

Bill McCauley

Tue, Apr 29, 2003 3:49 PM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 2:55 PM

From: Troy Lane <tlane@ksu.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty? yes

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun? The weapon must be checked and approved by the department armorer/firearms instructor (me). The officer must also have the written approval of the Chief.

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened. No

5. Any other helpful relevant information. I encourage our officers to carry a weapon of the same caliber, and whenever possible, same brand, as they carry on duty. For instance, we carry Glock model 17's (9mm) and I would encourage our officers to carry a model 19, or mini Glock (forget the model #) as a back up. In the event their primary weapon should fail, they still can use their duty ammo, and in this case, their duty magazines in their back up weapon.

**In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name, agency mailing address and phone.

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

None

In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name, agency mailing address and phone.

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Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:11 AM

Subject: Response to Back Up Weapon Survey

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2003 10:53 AM

From: Jay Johnson <jayjohnson@utk.edu>

Reply-To: <jayjohnson@utk.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

No, we are not

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

N/A

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

All I know is that it is against our written policy

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

NO

Wed, Apr 30, 2003 1:13 PM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2003 12:50 PM

From: Christopher Hawk <hawk1@uiuc.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

At 12:53 PM 4/29/2003 -0500, you wrote:

>SURVEY QUESTIONS

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>1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in
>conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Officers are allowed to carry back-up handguns.

>2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy
>and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to
>carry the back up gun?

Yes. Our policy requires that officers need to qualify with their back-up
gun, just as they do for their primary duty gun.

>3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s)
>why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

N/A

>4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a
>situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary
>of what happened.

Not in recent (at least 10 years) history

>5. Any other helpful relevant information.

The University of Illinois (at Urbana-Champaign) PD requires that officers
qualify for all back-up and off-duty weapons before using them. The
firearms training unit maintains a list of authorized manufacturers of
weapons. The Department also provided officers with ammunition for their
off-duty or back-up weapons.

If you need further information, please feel free to ask.

Regards,

Officer Christopher Hawk
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Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:11 AM

Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Survey Request
Date: Sunday, April 20, 2003 7:52 AM
From: Harman, James M. <jharman@umr.edu>
To: <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>
Priority: UrgentHighest

Sgt. Jim Harman
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SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty? (YES)
2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun? (YES: weapon inspection & qualification on firearms range)
3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option? (NR)
4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened. (NO)
5. Any other helpful relevant information. (weapon must be .38 or .40 for uniformity so all officers carry ammo that will fit other officers' weapons - 38 S&W snubbies are issued to the Sergeants & to the Chief)

The officer submits a request to carry a backup/off-duty weapon identifying the weapon and caliber. Our command team reviews the request and either approves or denies it. If it is approved the officer must make an appointment with one of our firearms instructors to qualify with the weapon. Once he or she has qualified they may carry the backup/off-duty weapon. Qualification information is retained in our records. At each subsequent qualification the officer must qualify with each weapon to remain qualified.

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

No.

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

Any weapon used on or off-duty must be registered on campus with our department. We maintain registrations for all hand guns brought to campus. We also store all firearms (hand and long guns) owned by students in the residence halls. University apartment residents may keep them in their apartment. We do not require officers from other police agencies visiting campus to register. The requirement to register all firearms brought to campus has been somewhat clouded by Michigan's recent move to a must issue state for ccw permits. Our requirement hasn't been tested and I don't know if will hold when it is.

In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name, agency mailing address and phone.

Many thanks in advance! Anything anyone can do to assist me with this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions via email or phone. My schedule is typically M-F, 07:30 to 16:00 hours.

Sincerely,

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Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:20 AM

Subject: FW: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

Date: Monday, April 21, 2003 8:03 AM

From: Griffiths, Ronald D. <griff1rd@cmich.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

Charles:

Here is my reply from Central Michigan University Police Department, Mt. Pleasant, MI. Good luck with the paper.

Ron

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lt. Charles Sheridan (mailto:Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU)
Sent: Saturday, April 19, 2003 6:39 PM
To: UNIVPD-L@LISTSERV.BUFFALO.EDU
Subject: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

To All.

I have been attending the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT) Law Command College. URL link to the school I am attending:

<http://www.shsu.edu/~lemnit/>

In order to successfully complete the course, one must submit an administrative research paper. I am doing some research on back weapon issues in relation to College/University Law Enforcement agencies. Therefore, I am requesting as much feedback from all of you that I can get. Please review and answer the following information as best as possible and please send it to me via email AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. (I also suspect everyone on the list server does NOT necessarily want to receive all potential responses to my inquiry):

charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Yes if the qualify with the weapon and the weapon has been approved. We currently have approved .380 - .45 cal. weapons for backup/off-duty.

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

Mon, Apr 28, 2003 7:50 AM

Subject: RE: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

Date: Monday, April 28, 2003 7:49 AM

From: Patrick Gipson <pgipson@selu.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

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> SURVEY QUESTIONS

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- > 1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in
> conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Yes.

- > 2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a
> department policy
> and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to
> carry the back up gun?

Yes. Just like a primary duty weapon, the back-up weapon must meet with the requirements set forth by the department (guidelines as to quality, caliber, safety features, etc.) The officer must also qualify with the back-up weapon on a POST approved course of fire.

- > 3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a
> specified reason(s)
> why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?
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> 4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a
> situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary
> of what happened.

No incidents in recorded history.

- > 5. Any other helpful relevant information.

name,
agency mailing address and phone.**

Many thanks in advance! Anything anyone can do to assist me with this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions via email or phone. My schedule is typically M-F, 07:30 to 16:00 hours.

Sincerely,

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Sat, Apr 19, 2003 5:47 PM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2003 5:44 PM

From: Richard Garrison <rdgarr@emory.edu>

To: <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

NO, but YES

We have just developed and had approved a policy allowing it, but haven't instituted it yet. Expect to do it this summer.

2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to carry the back up gun?

YES

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.

Personally -- twice. I used second weapon to provide to other police officers during an incident. One off-duty and one detective who did have his weapon at the time.

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

****In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency**

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http://www11.myflorida.com/mcco/policy/6_2_Weapons_Policy.pdf

Need anything else please write or call.

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Mon, Apr 21, 2003 8:15 AM

Subject: Survey

Date: Sunday, April 20, 2003 8:33 PM

From: Madonna Gage <mgage@csulb.edu>

To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

Good luck on this survey, Charles! It should be interesting. I am a graduate student (getting my masters in May) and I know how hard it is to gather enough information. My masters thesis was on the use of cash signing bonuses as a recruiting incentive. Please send me your results. It would be good reading!!!

If you do not find enough info on this subject you might do a survey of the number of departments on Colleges/Universities that are armed.

To answer the survey:

- 1) Yes we have the option.
- 2) Yes there is a policy on it:

11-8 Authorized Firearms

Police officers, on or off duty, are authorized to carry only the firearms issued or authorized by this department. The only weapons which will be considered as authorized at this time are: .38 cal., 9mm, 10mm, .357 cal., .40 cal. or .45 cal. Unless specific authorization has been granted, all officers will routinely carry the weapons issued.

11-9 Authorized Intermediate and Secondary Weapons

No police officer shall be authorized or permitted to carry any intermediate or secondary weapon not issued or approved by the department. A pocket knife with a blade of 4" or less in length and metal flashlights shall not be considered part of this regulation.

3) N/A

4) In one incident an officer was making an arrest of an individual in an alley. He had two handcuff cases. In one was a back up derringer (this was before we had a policy on back ups). When he opened the wrong case, the derringer fell out and hit the ground. It shot one shot between the legs of a ride a long. Needless to say we made regulations on the back up weapons after this. (This happened in 1992).

I hope this helps. You can contact Elaine Deck at the IACP who might post the survey on the Chiefs of Police web and respond to it. If you need other suggestions let me know. I did a little research and found some information on your subject.

I did find one article relating to back up weapons in Calibre Press:

<http://www.calibrepress.com/newsline/nlfound.html?command=search&db=/databases/nl.db&eqskudata=611>
<<http://www.calibrepress.com/newsline/nlfound.html?command=search&db=/databases/nl.db&eqskudata=611>>

Another interesting selection is part of the Burlington North Railroad Police manual on weapons:

http://www.bnsf.com/resourceprotection/html/firearms_training.html

The DOT policy is contained here:

3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?
NO SPECIFIC REASON THAT I KNOW OF,
FIREARMS POLICY IS ESTABLISHED BY THE SUNY BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE ENTIRE SYSTEM, EXCEPT THAT EACH PRESIDENT MAKES THE DECISION TO ARM HIS CAMPUS FORCE, NO PROVISION MADE FOR BACKUP WEAPON. TWO OF 28 SUNY CAMPUSES STILL NOT ARMED. EACH CAMPUS ALSO ESTABLISHES SPECIFIC RULES, WEAPON USED, TRAINING ETC.

4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary of what happened.
NO.

5. Any other helpful relevant information.

In your responses, please provide your name, rank, position, agency name, agency mailing address and phone.

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Many thanks in advance! Anything anyone can do to assist me with this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions via email or phone. My schedule is typically M-F, 07:30 to 16:00 hours.

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Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request, 2nd Request
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2003 5:29 AM
From: David Frank <dfrank@acsu.buffalo.edu>
To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSOUTHWESTERN.EDU>

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Mon, Apr 21, 2003 11:42 AM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Survey Request
Date: Monday, April 21, 2003 11:40 AM
From: Michael Foster <mfoster@police.ucsb.edu>
To: <charles.sheridan@utsouthwestern.edu>

>SURVEY QUESTIONS

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>1. Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in
>conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?

Yes

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>2. If the answer is YES to the first question, is there a department policy
>and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to
>carry the back up gun?

Yes - .38 special or larger caliber (no .380acp), 5 shot or greater,
carried securely. Firearms instructors must inspect and Chief sign
off on prior to carrying. Must qualify quarterly (same as duty
firearm) with the weapon carried as it is on duty.

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>3. If the answer is NO to the first question, is there a specified reason(s)
>why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?

N/A

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>4. Have you or any other officers in your agency ever been involved in a
>situation where a back up gun was utilized? If yes, please give a summary
>of what happened.

No

>

>5. Any other helpful relevant information.

A copy of the policy is available if requested.

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Mon, Dec 30, 2002 4:01 PM

Subject: Re: Back Up Weapon Information Request

Date: Wednesday, December 25, 2002 8:55 AM

From: Juan M. Cardoza <jcardoza@hp.utbtsc.edu>

To: "Lt. Charles Sheridan" <Charles.Sheridan@UTSouthwestern.edu>

They are not.

And the question has never come up from any of my officers to carry a back up weapon.

IF said question would ever come up than we would address it by reveiwing all of policies and those of other agencies.

"Lt. Charles Sheridan" wrote:

> Chief Cardoza,
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> I am doing an informal survey concerning back up weapons and am hopeful you
> can share any thoughts or information about this issue as it relates to your
> department. If you can assist, I would like to specifically know:
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> * Are your officers permitted the option to carry a back up handgun in
> conjunction with their primary duty handgun on duty?
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> * If the answer is "yes" to the first question, is there a department policy
> and/or process in place officers must complete or comply with in order to
> carry the back up gun? (Aside from any related UT System Police policy
> requirements).
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> * If the answer is "no" to the first question, is there a specified
> reason(s) why officers are not permitted the back up gun option?
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> We are reviewing this possible option in our department. Any information
> concerning this issue would be appreciated!
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> Sincerely,
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