



NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS MANUAL

CHAPTER: 1.8

TITLE: WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a Weapons Evaluation Committee to research, test and evaluate all weapons, ammunition, reloading devices, holsters, carrying mechanisms, or other firearms-related equipment proposed for use by members of the New Orleans Police Department.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. The Weapons Evaluation Committee will consist of:
 - (a) Committee Chair (Deputy Chief of Investigations and Support Bureau or his/her representative of the rank of Captain)
 - (b) Superintendent's Staff representative
 - (c) Commander, Education and Training Division
 - (d) Range Instructor, Education and Training Division
 - (e) Firearms Examiner, Scientific Criminal Investigations Section (Crime Lab)
 - (f) Special Operations Division, Armory Unit representative
 - (g) Homicide Cold Case Squad representative (Police Officer)
 - (h) Management Services Bureau representative (Police Officer)
 - (i) Field Operations Bureau (three Police Officers from different Districts assigned to uniformed patrol)
 - (j) Compliance Bureau representative

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

2. The Committee Chair shall be responsible for setting the meeting times, dates, and agenda.

RESPONSIBILITIES

3. Members wishing to initiate a formal evaluation of a specific weapon, ammunition, reloading device, holster, carrying mechanism, or other related item(s), shall forward an interoffice memorandum (Form 105) to the Deputy Chief of the Investigations and Support Bureau requesting formal consideration of the proposed evaluation by the Weapons Evaluation Committee.

4. The Weapons Evaluation Committee shall not approve a specific weapon, ammunition, reloading device, holster, carrying mechanism, or other related item(s) that violates existing Chapters without also making a recommendation for the proposed change to the affected Chapter(s).
5. The Committee will schedule a meeting to consider the request within two weeks of receipt and notify the requesting member within 14 days after the scheduled meeting of its decision to conduct or not conduct an evaluation. If the evaluation is set aside, a brief explanation will be attached.
6. Following the Committee's first meeting on a specific request, the Committee will render a report with recommendations to the Superintendent within 90 calendar days.
7. Should the Committee feel an extension of the evaluation period is necessary to acquire the best information and/or test data available, an application for an additional 30 calendar days shall be made to the Superintendent. The request for extension should be made sufficiently in advance to ensure approval prior to the ninety-day deadline.
8. The Committee shall forward information regarding requests under consideration, including the Committee's actions and/or decisions after each meeting to each Deputy Chief to be disseminated at his/her regular staff meetings.