

1) PURPOSE

This policy establishes the authority and guidelines for the implementation of miniaturized red dot sights (RDS) on department owned-duty handguns.

2) POLICY

It is the policy of the Bemidji Police Department to allow licensed personnel to utilize approved red dot optics on a department issued handgun after completion of a BPD approved RDS optic course and/or qualification with the optic and back-up open sights.

3) DEFINITIONS

- Personnel: For the purpose of this policy, all sworn officers of the BPD
- Department Issued Handgun: Glock model 17 or 19, 9mm purchased by BPD
- Approved RDS:
 1. Trijicon RMR Type 2
 2. Holosun 407C
 3. Holosun 507C
 4. Holosun EPS
 - a) *Additional optics may be considered after recommendation and inspection by BPD Firearms Instructor Staff.*
- Accessories:
 1. Safariland series 63 Level III Retention holster
 2. Safariland series 73 Level III Retention holster
 - a) *Other level III retention holsters may be approved by the BPD Firearms Instructor Staff after inspection.*

4) GENERAL USE

The RDS and all accessories required will be purchased by the officer and approved by the Bemidji Police Department Firearms Instructors. Personnel must understand that if this handgun and optic are used during their capacity as a police officer, the firearm and/or optic can be seized as evidence and can be held until any investigation is complete.

- A. Any eligible personnel may purchase an RDS optic to install on their department issued handgun.
- B. The purchasing officer will be required to purchase all items and accessories for use prior to qualification.
- C. The officer must attend a pistol RDS optic training course and be able to proficiently pass qualification in the presence of a BPD Firearms Instructor.
- D. It is the responsibility of the officer to make arrangements with a BPD Firearms Instructor to check the RDS zero (bi-annually) and change the battery (annually).

- E. It is the responsibility of the officer to maintain all RDS equipment and accessories. Any officer found with a non-functioning or neglected RDS optics may be banned from use.
- F. BPD firearms staff and BPD Armorer will be responsible for RDS optic installation on department issued handguns and will install so open sights will be able to be used in the event of an RDS failure.

Reference or Revision Date(s):

- A. REVISION DATE(S):