

	LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY	Number: G.O. 7.29
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CHAPTER: Patrol		Relate Policy: G.O. 1.05 (Authorized Weapons, Ammunition, and Carrying Devices), G.O. 1.12 (Use of Force), G.O. 3.06 (Use of Force/Firearms Discharge Review)
SUBJECT: Use of Long Rifle		Related Laws: ORS 161.205, ORS 161.219, ORS 161.235, ORS 161.239, and ORS 161.245

POLICY: Deputies may use reasonable and necessary force in accordance with law in order to accomplish lawful objectives. Department long rifles are authorized weapons to be used by trained members of the Sheriff's Office in situations requiring such weapons.

DEFINITIONS:

1. Long Rifles – The Bushmaster XM15, Colt AR15/M16, HK-33 or any other Sheriff's Office approved long rifle.
2. Suspect/Threat - The person who is the focus of the police operation.

RULE (s):

1. Deputies shall use only that force that is reasonable and necessary to protect themselves or others from physical harm, to affect an arrest, or overcome resistance.
2. Every incident requiring an employee to use physical force, as defined in general orders, shall be documented by that employee by means of written report.
3. All long rifles stored in the rifle rack will be in Patrol Ready condition. All other times the long rifle will be stored empty.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Use of Long Rifle
 - A. Safety Priorities - The Sheriff's Office safety priorities are established as follows:
 1. Hostages.
 2. Involved non-suspect, non-threat civilians.

3. Law Enforcement/Public Safety Employees.

4. Suspects/Threats.

B. Force Options - Outlined in G.O. 1.12 (Use of Force).

II. Deployment

A. Prior to arrival on an incident location, if feasible, Deputies will advise over the radio that a long rifle will be deployed.

B. Additional long rifles should not be deployed at an incident location without first coordinating with the on duty supervisor or the Deputy in charge of the incident location. Exception - This does not preclude the deployment or use of additional long rifles, if emergent conditions justify their deployment and use.

C. When deploying the rifle it should be carried at a low ready with the rifle on safe.

III. Deployment Considerations

A. Pre-planning of the operation will be done when circumstances permit.

B. The first Deputy on scene will be in charge of the incident location until appropriately relieved by the on duty supervisor.

C. Consideration will be given with regard to the availability of cover Deputies and the securing of suspects/threats when long rifles are deployed.

IV. Training and Equipment

A. A qualified instructor in the use of long rifles and their delivery systems will train designated employees.

B. Those who are Sheriff's Office qualified and trained to use long rifles and Sheriff's Office issued ammunition may, with permission of the Division Commander or his designee, carry long rifles in their vehicles and utilize them when appropriate.

C. Training in the use of long rifles will consist of approved Sheriff's Office training and semi-annual qualifications.

V. Patrol Ready

A. With an empty weapon lock the bolt to the rear. Visually inspect the magazine well and chamber to ensure the weapon is clear of ammunition.

- B. The rifle is now confirmed safe.
- C. The bolt may now be closed on an empty chamber, by pushing the bolt catch.
- D. Place the rifle on safe.
- E. Insert a loaded magazine into the magazine well. Pull on the magazine to ensure it is properly seated.
- F. The rifle is now patrol ready.