

32.3 Firearms Training

TRAINING

STANDARD 32.3 The agency has a written directive that prohibits officers from carrying or using any firearm in connection with the performance of their official duties, with the exception of authorized departmental firearms training, unless they have satisfactorily completed an approved Municipal Police Training Council Program (or a program that meets or exceeds those requirements) that constitutes the basic course of instruction in the use of deadly physical force and in the use of firearms.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Agencies that do not use a course approved by the Municipal Police Training Council to instruct officers in the use of deadly physical force and firearms may provide copies of the course curriculum and lesson plans.
3. A review of officer training records. These records may include appropriate test results and written evaluations. A listing of officers authorized to carry or use firearms should be provided by the agency for comparison purposes.
4. Interview(s) with agency personnel responsible for the training function to verify compliance with the standard.
5. Interview(s) with recruit officers to verify that appropriate training was received prior to carrying a firearm.