



# WEAPONS SOG

## 7A.038

### SCOPE

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department (SPFD) and it is the Departments' interest and commitment to protect our members and the public by providing a safe and healthy work environment.

This guideline applies to all Stoney Point Fire Department members, employees, interns, volunteers, staffing agency workers, or contractors working in the course and scope of their employment, membership or association with the Stoney Point Fire Department Inc.

### GUIDELINES

To promote a safe and healthy environment for all members and the general public concerning weapons on Department premises and vehicles.

### DEFINITIONS

**SHALL** – Indicates a mandatory requirement.

**Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)** – Documents that help establish how an organization will operate and how its members are expected to carry out specific duties outlined in general terms.

**A firearm** - whether loaded or unloaded, from which a shot may be discharged including but not limited to handguns, pistols, revolvers, shotguns, rifles and BB guns.

**A gun** - that can discharge a shot or a projectile by means of an explosive or gas, or compressed air.

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**Any knife** - lock blade knife, switchblade knife, bowie knife, automatic knife, knives exceeding six inches in length and blades exceeding three inches in length, razors, dirks or daggers.

**A device** - designed to be used as a weapon, from which can be expelled a projectile by the force of any explosion or force of combustion.

**Any weapon** - (including a starter gun) which will, or is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive,

**Any destructive device or dangerous or unusual weapon** - to include but not limited to any bludgeon, metallic knuckles, throwing star, nun-chucks, sand-club, nightstick, chukka stick, shurikin, sword to include samurai swords, loaded cane; dynamite cartridge, bomb, grenade, mine, or powerful explosive.

**Any device designated** - as a weapon and capable of producing a great bodily harm, including but not limited to, stun guns, stun batons; and any combustible or flammable liquid or other substance, device, or instrumentality that can be used in a manner that is calculated or likely to produce death or great bodily harm, or any fire that is used to produce death or great bodily harm.

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### **GUIDELINES**

It shall be a violation of the guidelines for any Stoney Point member / employee (temporary, full-time, part-time, and volunteers), excluding law enforcement, to carry while on duty weapons of any kind on Stoney Point property or department vehicles.

Nothing in this policy shall prohibit a person from storing a firearm within a locked motor vehicle while the vehicle is on Stoney Point property. The firearm should be locked out of sight within the trunk, glove box or other enclosed compartment or area within the motor vehicle.

Employees, other than law enforcement officers, who are required by their job to carry such weapon as named above, must receive express approval for carrying such a specific weapon from the Fire Chief.



1. The employee must submit a written request for such permission;
2. Such request must specifically set forth reasons why such weapons is required by the employee in performing official duties.
3. Weapons will not be transported or stored on any Fire Department owned apparatus or vehicle at any time.

The Fire Chief will maintain a permanent file of all written requests for permission and all requests granted or denied, and maintain the approvals/denials in the employee's personnel file.

Members / Employees violating this guideline are subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

This policy is based on applicable state law, including N.C.G.S § 14-409.40, as amended from time to time. If at any time a conflict exists between this policy and state law, state law shall apply.

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