

FAQs For Active Duty Law Enforcement Officers

Q: Am I able to buy large capacity magazines and ammunition just on my badge?

A: As long as you produce your badge and official police photo ID, you may purchase large capacity magazines and/or ammunition without further authorization.

Q: Am I limited to ten rounds in my magazine when I'm off duty?

A: No. You may load your magazines to full capacity even when off duty.

Q: Am I subject to the laws regarding the transportation of assault weapons (i.e. unloaded and in a locked case separate from the ammunition) while on duty?

A: No. You are exempt from the transportation laws applicable to assault weapons.

Q: How about when I'm off duty?

A: The same exemption applies.

Q: As a sworn and certified law enforcement officer am I able to buy an assault rifle as my personal weapon?

A: Yes, you may. However, in order to do so you must first obtain a letter on your department's letterhead authorizing such purchase and stating that the weapon will be used in the discharge of your official duties as well as off duty. The letter must also contain the following statement: "A records check indicates that (your name) has not been convicted of a crime of domestic violence".

Q: Do I have to register my assault weapons and declare my large capacity magazines by January 1, 2014?

A: You may do so if you wish to. Under the law, you are not required to register your assault weapons or declare your large capacity magazines at this time. However, upon your retirement or other separation from law enforcement, you must register your assault weapons and declare your high capacity magazines with the DESPP not later than ninety (90) days from the date of retirement or separation.