



Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

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Sig Sauer P320 Pistol (M18/M17)

Purpose:

The Connecticut State Police Firearms Training Unit is no longer allowing the use of any Sig Sauer P320 style pistol on our range or during any department sanctioned training, effective immediately.

Throughout past years and continuing into this year the Sig Sauer P320 pistol has had many documented incidents where the firearm went off either inside the holster, or in another way without the operator pressing the trigger. The Sig Sauer P320 and Sig P320 style platform have been banned from many ranges across the country. One recent incident being a Michigan State Trooper's Sig Sauer M18 (P320 platform) went off while in the holster. There are many more recent incidents documented as well.

The FBI Ballistic Research Facility conducted an evaluation on the Michigan State Trooper's Sig Sauer M18. The report showed that while SIG's striker-fired system uses multiple safeties, FBI testing found with movements representing those common to a law enforcement officer it is possible to render the Striker Safety Lock inoperable and ineffective at preventing the striker from impacting a chambered round if complete sear engagement is lost. It is important to note that the Striker Safety Lock, by design, is the last safety in line to prevent an unintended discharge as it is in place to protect against a secondary sear notch override. The FBI's ballistic Research Facility achieved the same result with a brand new M18.

The Ballistic Research Facility conducted a battery of scientific analyses on the M18 itself, including X-ray images, coordinate scans, and isolated tests on its firing mechanism. The lab found that the striker safety lock spring was not fully seated and only captured at the top of the striker housing. The sear experienced uneven wear, and the primary and secondary sear notch edges showed signs of wear. Additionally, the bottom of the striker pin hook had a "ledge" instead of being flat.

See the link below for additional information.

If you have any questions, please contact Sgt. Anthony Sciarretto #203,
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References: [MSP-M18-Pistol-Evaluation_FINAL_Redacted_Outdoor_Life.pdf](#)