

FIREARMS

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Responsibility

Camp Superintendent

Use or deployment of firearms within the camp shall be done under direction of the Camp Superintendent. Unauthorized introduction of firearms and/or ammunition into camp under any other circumstances is a felony.

Each camp shall establish an operational procedure for safe storage of firearms and ammunition when temporarily brought into the camp by duly appointed peace officers.

FIREARM STORAGE: CAMP ADJACENT TO AN INSTITUTION

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Responsibility

Camp Superintendent

When camps are located adjacent to a correctional institution, CYA weapons will be stored at that institution's armory. CYA weapons stored in the armory will be inventoried daily by the Camp Superintendent or his/her designee.

**FIREARM STORAGE: CAMP
NOT ADJACENT TO INSTITUTION**
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Responsibility

- Camp Superintendent** When camps are not located adjacent to a correctional institution, weapons should be stored in the armory per policy. These weapons are to be utilized for escapes or other camp or departmental emergencies. Under no circumstances are these weapons to be used for personal use. CYA weapons stored at individual residences must be unloaded and placed in a safe location (preferably under lock and key). All weapons shall have a trigger lock. The duty officer and the range master will check each weapon's serial number against the weapons inventory sheet during range training.
- Division Chief** Storage of CDF-issued weapons is governed by the procedures stated in CDF Law Enforcement Procedures Handbook [Section 9452.1](#).
- All** CDF peace officers may be authorized to regularly bring state approved weapons into the camp by written agreement between the Superintendent and CDF Region Chief. Also, CDF peace officers assigned to a camp may bring state approved weapons into the camp on a case-by-case basis when specifically authorized to do so by the Camp Superintendent.
- Armed CDF peace officers entering camp will comply with the same policies applicable to any other armed peace officer having business at camp. The CDF officer will immediately check with the duty officer, upon arrival in camp to determine the security measures to be implemented.
- All CYA and CDF vehicles brought into conservation camps for maintenance, painting, etc. are subject to search by CYA staff. Weapons and personal items will be removed from the vehicle and stored according to procedure.

PERSONAL WEAPON STORAGE

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Responsibility

All

Under no circumstances will camp staff be allowed to store their personal weapons in camp or in personal vehicles in camp.

VISITING PEACE OFFICER WEAPONS

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Responsibility

**Camp Superintendent
Division Chief**

It is recognized that certain Peace Officers who use firearms in their assignments will find it necessary to enter a conservation camp. Every possible effort shall be made to advise these persons to store their weapons before entering the camp. When this is not feasible or practical, these weapons shall be stored under the control of the Camp Superintendent, or designee, in either a locked safe or evidence locker for a time period not to exceed one shift.

If at all possible, visiting Peace Officers should notify the camp in advance of their time of arrival so ward workers can be removed from the immediate storage area. Weapons storage area will be according to local Camp Operations Manual.

WEAPONS AT WORK PROJECT SITES

6246.5

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Responsibility

All

CDF staff will advise project sponsors that weapons are not permitted in the immediate presence of crews. When CDF fire crews are requested to perform project work at facilities or locations where weapons may be present, including CDF facilities, the person making the request will indicate on the FC-32 Project Request and Record whether or not Peace Officers and stored weapons will be present at the project site at the same time as the crew and the procedures that will be in effect to maintain weapons security.

The Camp Superintendent and the Camp Division Chief will determine whether or not additional security is needed at the project site or if the project can be performed at all in light of security considerations ([Section 6234.1](#)).

Upon arrival at the project site, the Fire Crew Captain will make a security check of the work area for weapons and other potential security problems. If problems are encountered, the Captain will take steps to have the problems corrected before the crew initiates work on the project.

If, during the course of the project, the crew comes into casual contact with armed officers or citizens, the Fire Captain will immediately advise those persons of the presence of weapons and the need to maintain separation from the crew workers and to maintain weapons security. If those persons fail to comply with the request to maintain site security, the Fire Captain will remove the crew from the presence of the weapons and will request CYA, CDF or other law enforcement assistance in re-establishing site security.

**INCIDENT BASE/CAMP/MOB-CENTER
FIREARM SECURITY**
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Responsibility

All

There is a legitimate need for the presence of both wards and armed peace officers at emergency incident bases, incident camps and mobilization centers.

Wards will be present at the base for feeding, sleeping, rest and relaxation, vehicle service, and incident support activities such as food service, supply loading and unloading, etc.

Armed Peace Officers are assigned to incidents for purposes of fire/crime investigation, camp and property security, evacuation, traffic control, etc.

Secured weapons will, or will not, be permitted at incident bases, incident camps, and mobilization centers as agreed to by the Incident Commander and the Custodial Agency Representatives. If weapons are to be permitted at these locations, a Security Manager will be assigned.

In establishing incident bases, camps, and mobilization centers, the Incident Commander and Logistics Section staff will meet and confer with the Custodial Agency Representatives to jointly develop a written security plan. In so doing, the parties should consider the need for the following:

1. Armed security officers.
2. Establishing and maintaining distinct zones within which even secured weapons are prohibited or for other distinct zones within which wards are prohibited.
3. Separate parking areas for the Crew-Carrying Vehicles and CYA agency vehicles.
4. Establishing special security procedures for the food serving line and separate eating areas if armed officers are to be fed at the incident base or camp.

If established, "No Weapons Zones" and "No Ward Zones" should be clearly marked and identified to all persons entering the incident base. Such zones should not be contiguous. The Check-In Recorder should advise all persons entering the incident base of the location of such zones, of any special security measures in effect at the incident base or camp, and of the prohibition of unsecured weapons at the facility.

The security plan must be reviewed by the Logistics Chief and approved by the Incident Commander. Once approved, the Security Manager shall enforce the plan. A sign describing these measures should be posted at the Check-In location.

FIREARM SECURITY AT INCIDENT OPERATIONAL SITES

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Responsibility

All

CDF or other Peace Officers may be required to carry firearms and other weapons in the course of their duties at emergency incident operations sites in order to effect arrest of criminal suspects, provide security for incident origin scene evidence, provide protection for unarmed emergency personnel, etc.

If wards are present at the incident site, the officer will take reasonable precautions to insure that all weapons on the officer's person and in the officer's vehicle are secure. Also, the Fire Crew Captain or CYA officer in charge of the crew will advise the Peace Officer of the presence of wards, will conduct the crew away from the officer's immediate work area, and will monitor crew activities closely relative to the armed officer, structures, vehicles, and other potential security problems.

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