

# Memorandum

To: WEAPON AUTHORIZATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

Website: www.fire.ca.gov

From: **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)**

Fire Prevention – Law Enforcement

Subject: 9400 LAW ENFORCEMENT

9452.2 SHOTGUN ISSUANCE, Authorization

9452.3 TACTICAL RIFLE ISSUANCE, Authorization

9452.4 SPECIALIZED WEAPON, Authorization

9456.3 SECONDARY WEAPON, Authorization

\_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Employee)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Title of Employee)

The above referenced employee has requested authorization to train, qualify, and upon qualification and approval, carry the following weapon (check all that apply):

SHOTGUN\* (Standard Issue, Remington, Model 870, 12-gauge (HB 9456.7))  
Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

TACTICAL RIFLE\*\* (Standard Issue, Ruger Mini 14, .223 cal. (HB 9456.8))  
Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIALIZED WEAPON (HB 9452.4)  
Make: \_\_\_\_\_  
Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barrel Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caliber: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDARY WEAPON (HB 9456.3)  
Make: \_\_\_\_\_  
Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barrel Length: \_\_\_\_\_  
Caliber: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_

The above referenced employee is authorized to carry the weaponry described above when assigned to \_\_\_\_\_. His/her current position, circumstances and/or geographical location dictate the need for issuance of the weaponry described above for enforcement of the State Forest and Fire Laws as outlined in Public Resources Code 4156, and PC 830.2(g).

The employee is NOT AUTHORIZED to use or carry the requested weapon(s) until a signed copy of this authorization letter is returned to the employee.

As a reminder, when not being worn or in the immediate possession of a peace officer, weapons must be secured from theft or handling by unauthorized persons (HB 9452.6).

**\*Note: All PC 830.2 officers are authorized to train and qualify in the use of the shotgun. Only officers with field law enforcement duties assigned to fire prevention, battalion coverage, investigation, state forest patrol, and forest practice enforcement are authorized for daily carry of a shotgun without this prior authorization (HB 9452.2).**

**\*\*Note: All PC 830.2 officers are authorized to train and qualify in the use of the tactical rifle. Only officers with field law enforcement duties assigned to fire prevention, investigation, and state forest patrol are authorized for qualification, issuance and daily carry of a tactical rifle without this prior authorization (HB 9452.3).**

**Unit/Staff Chief Approval** (required for all weapon authorizations):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

**Region LE Coordinator/Deputy Chief LE Approval** (required for secondary weapons):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

**Region Chief/Deputy Director Approval** (required for specialized weapons):

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name)

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**Following approval, this memorandum shall be transmitted to the Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement in Sacramento. This memorandum shall be kept in the subject peace officer's file. Should the authorization change due to assignment, a revised memorandum is necessary, reauthorizing the subject weapons. Sacramento Law Enforcement shall be notified if authorization is subsequently revoked by approver.**