



TAYSIDE POLICE

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POLICY

FIREARMS – POLICE USE OF

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INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy sets out Tayside Police's position in respect of the police use of firearms.
- 1.2 The policy is aimed at authorised firearms officers, those involved in the command of firearms incidents and those responsible for the management of firearms resources.
- 1.3 In all cases the following documents should be considered the primary source of reference for the police use of firearms and all associated Tayside Police policies will adhere to this guidance:
 - ACPOS Statement of Intent on the Police Use of Firearms and Less Lethal Weapons (SoIPuF&LLW)
 - ACPOS Manual of Guidance on the Police Use of Firearms (MoG PuF)
 - National Police Firearms Training Curriculum (NPFTC)
 - Tayside Police Firearms Policy on Police use of Firearms (1st February 2007)

STRATEGIC THREAT AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- 1.4 Tayside Police will produce a Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment establishing the operational requirement for the police use of firearms within Tayside.
- 1.5 Assessments will be considered at the Firearms Operational Review Group (FORG) and informed decisions will be made in relation to the number and configuration of Authorised Firearms Officers (AFOs) within Tayside and the policy for the provision of weapons, equipment, tactics, training and the accreditation of users.

FIREARMS OPERATIONAL REVIEW GROUP

- 1.6 A Firearms Operational Review Group Meeting, chaired by the Assistant Chief Constable, responsible for the lead in firearms for the Force, will meet to examine specific issues and emerging themes from firearms operations and operational debriefs. It will also consider any changes in national guidance or policy relating to the police use of firearms that requires a change in force policy or procedure. This will provide a strategic and dynamic forum for setting the policy and practice in relation to the Police use of Firearms in Tayside Police.
- 1.7 This Forum will review all authorised deployments of AFOs in response to spontaneous and pre-planned firearms operations to inform the development of the firearms capability of the force.
- 1.8 Decisions and actions will be minuted and circulated to all Firearms Gold and Silver Commanders.