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## FOREWORD

This manual provides policy and procedures for the care, use, and maintenance of firearms, including firearms inventory control and destruction, to ensure the maximum protection for the uniformed employee, the Department, and the public.

It is essential that all uniformed employees make a personal commitment to become extremely skilled in the proper use of departmental firearms. The physical skills required for the use of law enforcement firearms are critical; however, the determination of when and under what conditions to use these skills is of equal or greater importance.

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