

Bowie City Police Department - General Orders



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I. Project Disarm *(18 US Code 922(g), 924(c), & 924(e))*

Project Disarm is designed to reduce gun-related violence by targeting and apprehending violent offenders with prior felony convictions and/or narcotics traffickers known to carry firearms. It is a partnership between the PGPD, the US Attorney’s Office, the Office of the State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF). Project Disarm assists local authorities by bringing federal prosecutions against dangerous offenders under the United States firearm statutes. These laws require mandatory sentencing without the possibility of parole or probation.

Project Disarm enforces:

- ❑ Federal Statute 18 USC 922(g), which prohibits anyone previously convicted of a crime punishable by more than one year in jail from possessing a firearm or ammunition.
- ❑ Federal Statute 18 USC 924(c), making it a crime to possess a firearm and/or ammunition while trafficking drugs.
- ❑ Federal Statute 18 USC 924(e), enhancing the penalty for a defendant who has three or more prior convictions for violent felonies or a serious drug offense.

II. Criminal Intelligence Unit Notification PGPD

The Southern Maryland Armed Reduction Task Force (SMART) is no longer an active program and therefore; the previous requirement that offices make notification to a SMART investigator is no longer needed.

In lieu of the SMART notification, the Maryland State Police 24-Hour Gun Center. CIU simultaneously receives all information via the MSP Gun Center and the Joint Analysis Center regarding firearms. CIU uses these submissions for review and to further other investigations as necessary.

III. Officer’s Responsibilities

In all firearm arrests, officers shall:

- ❑ Process the firearm and/or ammunition recovered for latent prints prior to submission to City of Bowie Property. Within 96 hours all firearms shall be submitted to FEU and complete a Request for Analysis Form. Once test firing is completed, members shall return the firearm to City of Bowie Property along with the Certificate of Test Fire.

The name of the investigator notified shall be documented on the Incident Report.

IV. 24-Hour Fusion Report Requirement

A 24-Hour Fusion Report shall be written and submitted to Police_JAIntelCtr@co.pg.md.us prior to the end of the tour of duty, on the day a firearm is recovered by:

- ❑ Patrol officers conducting an on scene arrest
- ❑ Follow-up investigation
- ❑ Search Warrant execution by any unit (with the exception of ongoing investigations within NED)
- ❑ Any officer taking enforcement action to include non-arrest situations and safekeeping

The 24-Hour Fusion Report Form shall include:

- ❑ CCN
- ❑ Full firearm description to include make, model, serial number, and any unique markings (note if the serial number is missing or obliterated)
- ❑ Location of arrest/recovery
- ❑ Identifiers of arrested person(s) and/or owner/possessor (as much as known)
- ❑ Recovering officer name, ID, and assignment
- ❑ Narrative denoting circumstances of the firearm(s) recovery
- ❑ Notation in the narrative when Crime Scene Investigation Division (CSID) recovers a firearm causing the firearm information to be unknown to the officer

V. Notifications

Any firearm recovered, regardless of circumstances (i.e., arrests, search warrant, non-arrest, CSID recovery, and safekeeping) shall require:

- ❑ Immediate notification to Maryland State Police 24-Hour Gun Center at 1-855-677-6486
- ❑ The recovering officer/investigator to provide the following information to the MSP 24-Hour Gun Center:
 - ❑ CCN
 - ❑ Location recovered
 - ❑ Identity of subject in possession of the firearm(s)
 - ❑ The serial number and all identifiable markings on the recovered firearm(s), if known
- ❑ Notification to a Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) investigator through PSC only if the arrestee has indicated a willingness to provide immediate information regarding a firearm-

related crime, specifically the illegal trafficking or transfer of firearms. If the subject in custody has not indicated their willingness to provide actionable information, CIU will not be notified.

- Officers shall document their notification to the MSP Gun Center within the narrative of the Incident Report and the 24-Hour Fusion Report as applicable to include the name and identification number of the person who received the notification.

After notification, the MSP 24-Hour Gun Center will promptly respond back to the arresting officer, disclosing disqualifying information on the subject in possession of the firearm, applicable charges to be used, and any immediate information regarding the firearm.

The Prince George's County Firearms Debriefing Form (PGC Form #5256) is no longer required to be completed, however, officers should debrief an arrestee at all times for investigative leads.

VI. Supervisor's Responsibilities

Supervisors are responsible to ensure compliance with this directive.