



BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Policy and Procedure

HANDGUN MOUNTED LIGHTING SYSTEM

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Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the use of the Streamlight TLR-1 and TLR-1 HL (High Lumen) pistol mounted tactical light. The Streamlight TLR-1 and TLR-1 HL are the only authorized lights for mounting on the department issued Sig Sauer P320 Compact handgun.

The firearm mounted light is optional equipment authorized by the department. Therefore personnel who choose to utilize a firearm mounted flashlight, will be responsible for purchasing the light, the department approved on-duty light bearing holster, and department approved off-duty light bearing holsters.

Authorization for Use

The Braintree Police Department has authorized firearm mounted lights for handguns. Firearm mounted lights can be used by uniformed officers or any special assignment that could expose the officer to low-light situations. Firearm mounted lights **ARE NOT** intended to replace an officer's hand-held flashlight. Use of the firearms mounted light is limited to high-risk situations where an officer has sufficient reason to draw and display his/her firearm.

Mounting

The Streamlight TLR-1 / TLR-1 HL will be mounted to the Picatinny (1913) rail on the frame of the Sig Sauer P320 Compact.

The P320 Compact with weapon light will be used with the Safariland holsters listed below:

Authorized
Safariland
Holsters

On Duty Holster-Right hand-Light Bearing-**7360-7512-411**1

On-Duty-Light Bearing-Left hand: **7360-7512-412**2

Off-Duty-Holster-Right hand-Light Bearing-**7378-7512-411**1

Off-Duty-Light Bearing-Left hand-**7378-7512-412**2

Off-Duty Light
Bearing
Holster

The firearm mounted weapon light will remain attached to the weapon at all times while on uniformed patrol duty. Officers will not add or remove the light from the weapon while on uniformed patrol duty.

Officers who choose to use a mounted weapon light will have the light attached while in uniform, attending court, working an administrative assignment, working uniform details, and assigned as the station officer.

Attaching
and/or
Removing the
Light

When Braintree Police personnel remove or attach the weapon mounted light, the magazine must be removed from the firearm and the firearm cleared in a safe manner. (While working, Braintree Police personnel will use an unloading station.)

Training and
Qualification

Prior to carrying a weapon mounted light all officers will attend a department approved training course at the firearms range. This training will include a review of the policy, proper light use/activation, guidelines, and shooting/qualification with the weapon light mounted.

Officers must qualify annually with their weapon mounted light attached to their firearm on an approved regular qualification course. Last, officers shall shoot a familiarization course in low light conditions activating their weapon mounted light.

Model
Numbers

During the monthly weapons inspection, Braintree Police personnel who utilize the weapon mounted light, will unload and clear their weapon in a safe manner. Once the weapon is safe, personnel will activate and then deactivate their weapon mounted light.

Light Failures In the event the firearm mounted light fails due to battery related issues it is the responsibility of the individual officer to return the light to working order as soon as reasonably possible.

In the event the firearm mounted light fails due to issues other than batteries it is the responsibility of the individual officer to purchase a replacement light.

Use of
Weapon Lights The use of weapon mounted lights is restricted to those situations where an officer would be authorized to have his/her weapon drawn. The weapon mounted light is not intended to replace, or to be used as, a hand-held light. Searches of persons, vehicles or property when no threat can be articulated, **MUST NOT BE** conducted with weapon mounted light.

When mounted to the Sig Sauer P320 Compact the Streamlight TLR-1 / TLR-1 HL beam should not replace proper sight alignment and sight picture. The beam of light does not represent point of aim when discharging the weapon.

Policy
Violations /
Discipline Any violation of this policy or use of the weapon mounted light outside of the training guidelines could result in discipline.

Model Number
Changes As Safariland and Streamlight change existing model numbers for the above listed holsters and lights, they will be reflected in this policy as soon as practical.