



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 Nightstick TCM-550 pistol mounted tactical light. The Nightstick TCM-550 is the only authorized light for mounting on the department issued Sig Sauer P320 RXP Carry handgun.

The firearm mounted light is mandatory equipment for all personnel assigned to uniform patrol and must be used in conjunction with a department approved on-duty light bearing holster or, department approved off-duty/admin/BCI light bearing holsters.

The firearm mounted light is optional for all personnel assigned to plain clothes or administrative duties.

Authorization for Use

The Braintree Police Department has authorized firearm mounted lights for handguns. Firearm mounted lights **ARE NOT** intended to replace an officer's hand-held flashlight. Use of the firearm's mounted light is limited to high-risk situations where an officer has sufficient reason to draw and display his/her firearm. Searches of persons, vehicles, or property when no threat can be articulated, Must Not Be conducted with weapon mounted light.

Mounting

Nightstick TCM-550 will be mounted to the Picantiny (1913) rail on the frame of the Sig Sauer P320 RXP Carry.

The P320 RXP Carry with weapon light will be used with the holsters listed below:

Authorized
Holsters

On-Duty-Safariland: 7360RDS ALS/SLS Series Holsters

Off-Duty/Admin/BCI Safariland 7378RDS ALS Series Holsters

Off-Duty/Admin/BCI Tenicore CertumLux2 IWB/AIWB 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.

Attaching
and/or
Removing the
Light

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

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

All officers must receive familiarization training conducted by a firearms instructor prior to using their weapon mounted light. 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.

Weapons
Inspections

During the quarterly weapons inspection, Braintree Police personnel, 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 department to provide a replacement light.

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 manufacturers change existing model numbers for the above listed firearm, holsters, and lights, they will be reflected in this policy as soon as practical.