

# Memorandum

**Date:** October 12, 2016  
**To:** All Personnel  
**From:** Chief Gross  
**Subject:** Authorized Duty Weapons  
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The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office is in the process of transitioning to the Sig Sauer P320 as our new departmentally issued duty hand gun. The decision was made earlier this year to change from our aging HK USP handguns to the new Sig Sauer platform. Extensive testing of various makes, models and calibers of handguns was conducted by the Training Bureau and by members of our agency. The full size Sig Sauer P320 was selected in its 9mm version. During the initial order of this weapon, department members could also select the P320 in .40 caliber. All future orders of this new duty will be in the 9mm format.

As of today's date, both the HK (.40 caliber) and the Sig Sauer P320 (.40 caliber and 9mm) are authorized department issued duty weapons pursuant to Lexipol section 312.2.1. Once the P320 transition training is complete, the HK USP will cease to be an authorized department issued duty weapon. The overall Lexipol Policy Manual, including the Firearms Policy (section 312), is in the process of being updated and will reflect this change once overall manual updates are finalized and launched.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "GROSS".

SAM GROSS  
Chief Deputy