

20.5 Carrying of Firearms

ADMINISTRATION

STANDARD 20.5 **The agency has a written directive that requires all sworn personnel engaged in field assignments to carry a firearm in the performance of their duties. The directive must address the use and carrying of agency authorized firearms and ammunition both on and off-duty.**

Commentary: Examples of field assignments include, but are not limited to: patrol functions (e.g., bicycle, foot, marine, mounted, vehicle and canine patrols) and investigative operations. Authorized firearms may include agency issued or personally owned handguns, rifles or shotguns.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. Interviews and observations to help verify that sworn personnel understand and are following the directive.