



**RCMP FIREARMS TRAINING, PROFICIENCY AND SAFETY POLICIES & STATISTICS**

**RCMP Access to Information Response (25 pages)– File A-2017-11548 dated January 17, 2020**

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/RCMP-ATIP-Officer-Firearms-Requalification-A-2017-11548-Jan-17-2020.pdf>

**Received by Dennis R. Young January 29, 2020**

**REQUESTED (1) the policies and procedures for firearms training/requalifying serving members and civilian personnel in the proficient, safe use and storage of their firearms;**

**RCMP RESPONSE:**

**(1) the policies and procedures for firearms training/requalifying serving members and civilian personnel in the proficient, safe use and storage of their firearms;**

All RCMP firearms training and qualification sessions are delivered by certified instructors (Basic Firearms Instructors). Safety briefings are done at the beginning of all range sessions which reinforce the safe handling and storage of firearms while training. The Annual Firearms Qualification Course Training Standard (2016) cites the *Concern for Safety* competency (i.e. *identifies safety concerns, anticipates danger, and takes the necessary steps to protect the safety of self and others*) for firearms; individuals are expected to consistently apply safe work practices.

The Operational Manual (OM) contains the policy and procedures regarding firearms:

firearms storage:

<http://infoweb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/manuals-manuels/national/om-mo/4/4-4-eng.htm>

carbine storage:

<http://infoweb.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/manuals-manuels/national/om-mo/4/4-15-eng.htm#t7> (with carbine, policy notes: " Final steps before placing patrol carbine in storage: ensure patrol carbine is unloaded and perform a safety check."

Chapter 4 of the *Firearms Manual(FM)* contains policies which govern range operations and the responsibilities of instructors (range officers, Section 2.1 of the Firearms Manual) and members (section 2.2 of the Firearms Manual.). Chapter 6 of FM (Issue and Maintenance of Firearms and Related Equipment) also provides additional guidance on storage of personal issue firearms for members and reservists.

Operational Manual Chapter 4.15 Patrol Carbine (PDF Pages 3-5)

Operational Manual Chapter 4.4 Storage of Firearms (PDF Pages 7-9)

Operational Manual Chapter 4.2 Qualification (PDF Pages 10-12)

**REQUESTED (2) the number of prohibited firearms, restricted firearms and non-restricted firearms held by the RCMP;**

**RCMP RESPONSE:**

**Total**

Prohibited Firearms 34414

Restricted Firearms 7462

Non-Restricted Firearms 7929

**REQUESTED** (3) the total number of serving members/civilian personnel authorized to carry firearms while on duty;

**RCMP RESPONSE:** “We have a NIL response as there is no direct tracking of this information.”

**REQUESTED** (4) the total number of serving members/civilian personnel authorized to carry firearms while off duty;

**RCMP RESPONSE:** “There’s a nil response for #4. We don’t keep records about things like this with respect to time off duty.”

**REQUESTED** (5) the total number of serving members/civilian personnel that have passed their firearms requalification proficiency and safety testing in accordance with government legislation, orders, policies and procedures;

**RCMP RESPONSE:**

As at Jan 15, 2018: The Forcewide total for firearms compliancy is 87.4%. This represents 14,684 requalified out of a population of 16,795 (total active members no medically exempted).

**REQUESTED** (6) the total number of serving members/civilian personnel that have failed to pass their firearms requalification proficiency and safety testing;

**RCMP RESPONSE:**

(6) the total number of serving members/civilian personnel that have failed to pass their firearms requalification proficiency and safety testing; *\*[Learning & Development?]*

L & D met with C & IP, Hrmic, and HR analytics to discuss the question #6 request and it was established that there are no records in reports, correspondence, memos, evaluations, spreadsheets, presentations, meeting minutes, briefing notes, Advice to the Minister, talking points, orders, policies and procedures that speak specifically to members/civilian personnel failing to pass firearms requalification proficiency and safety testing.

**REQUESTED** (7) the total the total number of accidental discharges, unsafe acts, careless storage and unauthorized use of firearms; and finally

**RCMP RESPONSE:**

Spreadsheet with details for 22 “Unintentional Discharge” Incidents (PDF Pages 13-17)

**REQUESTED** (8) the total number of the RCMP’s prohibited firearms, restricted firearms and non-restricted firearms that have been lost or stolen.

**RCMP RESPONDED TO A PREVIOUS ATIP REQUEST**

**JULY 19, 2019 - LIST OF THE RCMP's LOST & STOLEN GUNS, BY TYPE, BY YEAR, 2010-2017**

RCMP Access to Information Act File: A-2018-05012 dated February 2019

Response to Informal Request received by Dennis R. Young July 19, 2019

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/07/20/rcmps-list-of-lost-stolen-guns-by-type-by-year-2010-2017/>