

**TO:** Mayor Montgomery and City Council

**FROM:** Jeffrey L. McCormick, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** Firearms Disposal

**DATE:** 3/12/2024

### **BACKGROUND**

We presently have a large number of firearms in the Property system. These have accumulated since 2008 when a safe was added for secure storage and the firearms in the property system were gone through to determine their status before being placed into the safe. When the safe was purchased for firearms storage, I bought the largest I could get into the room. Presently this is filled to the maximum.

Lt. Berg and I are in the process of sorting the firearms by their status. Some were turned in for destruction, some are contraband because their serial numbers have been removed and would be destroyed, and some were seized as evidence. We also have some revolvers that in the past had been used for training, using simunition paint rounds. We stopped using revolvers after the training mishap in Florida where a live round was fired in error. We have a couple handguns that are designed to only fire simunition rounds and cannot chamber live rounds we use for trainings.

As we determine which firearms are no longer evidence, but have become department property or were guns no longer used for training the Police Commission considered what to do with those firearms. In 2008 similar firearms were traded to a Federal Firearms Dealer for department owned handguns. The Police Commission at that time felt that selling/trading firearms to obtain department owned handguns would allow the Department to move forward without a cost to the taxpayers and would likely save money with the standardization of ammunition. Presently the department shotguns are in need of replacement, as well as obtaining additional dedicated simunition only firearms for training.

We are undertaking this because the property room safe is overflowing and to make room within the safe for firearms that need to be stored under the requirements of the Extreme Risk Protection Order Law. The Police Commission considered this item at their 3/12/2024 meeting and unanimously approved this direction and directed it be brought forward to seek City Council Approval.

### **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Motion and approval to dispose of identified firearms in the following manner:

- Firearms turned in for destruction and contraband firearms to be cut up before disposal as scrap metal.

- Firearms that are department property sold/traded to a Federal Firearms Dealer to purchase new shotguns and simunition only training firearms for the department.