



SAFE HANDLING OF UNFAMILIAR OR SUSPICIOUS FIREARMS

Firearms can be manufactured through a variety of methods. Some of these methods are unregulated and do not meet the current industry safety standards and/or State or Federal law. These firearms can be crude or unique in appearance, or replicas of well-known firearms.



The handling or manipulation of unfamiliar or “homemade” firearms is inherently dangerous.

In the performance of their duty, personnel may encounter situations where there is a need to handle or manipulate unfamiliar or suspicious firearms. These situations may include but are not limited to searches of persons or property, evidence processing, x-ray screening, property safekeeping/destruction, safety sweeps, crime scene integrity, etc.

In non-exigent situations, notify your supervisor to contact the Department Commander. The Department Commander may then request that the OCSD Tactical Support Element (TSE) respond to [REDACTED]

When exigent circumstances exist, consider the following guidelines:

- [REDACTED]
- Otherwise, [REDACTED]
- As always, treat all firearms as if they are loaded.

As a reminder, the O.C. Crime Lab Firearms Unit can be contacted at [REDACTED] during normal business hours if needed.

Please refer to the following policies for more details on this topic:

- Policy 325 - Firearm Safety
- Policy 802.3 - Property and Evidence: Packaging of Property

