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POLICY FOR DEALING WITH FIREARMS INCIDENTS

The police service in England and Wales remains a predominately unarmed service. Police Officers may however have to deal with persons who may be in possession of a firearm; persons who have immediate access to a firearm; or other situations representing a threat to which an armed response is appropriate. In such cases it may be necessary for police officers to be armed, for their own safety or for the protection of members of the public.

In conducting armed operations, the Nottinghamshire Police will seek to comply with the Codes of Practice on the Police Use of Firearms and less lethal weapons and the Association of Chief Police Officers Manual of Guidance on the Police use of Firearms.

The Manual of Guidance outlines all aspects of dealing with firearms incidents, including sieges.

The Manual is intended to provide:

- a. The placing of the Police Service's use of firearms in the wider context of general policing activity,
- b. A statement of policy on the issue and use of firearms within the Police Service,
- c. A basis for the training of all relevant police staff in matters relating to the operational use of firearms,
- d. Guidance on the appropriate use of different tactical options involving the deployment of Authorised Firearms Officers.
- e. An initial reference point for firearms and related equipment accepted by ACPO as suitable for operational use.

This manual incorporates the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights and its application to the UK through the Human Rights Act 1998.

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This policy should be read in conjunction with the appropriate Procedures, Guidance and Rules outlined below: -

Staying Alive – Firearms Incidents and Your Initial Response
ACPO Manual of Guidance - Firearms
Codes of Practice on the Police Use of Firearms and Less Lethal Weapons