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The Ashland Police Department has purchased and equipped all officers with new duty handguns.

The department replaced it's eight-year old inventory of handguns with a new updated version of the .45 caliber Sig Sauer P220 model. The department conducted extensive training on these new firearms the last two weeks of May where officers participated in over eight hours of qualification and tactical shooting. During training, Ashland Police Officers fired a minimum 150 rounds for qualification with an additional 150 rounds of tactical and low-light shooting. The department trains and qualifies every six-months which exceeds the minimal requirements defined by the Department of Criminal Justice Services.

Recently the Richmond Times-Dispatch recently published an article in reference to the rising costs of ammunition and how this could affect local law enforcement agency's training. Although the agency is cognizant of the increased costs of ammunition, the agency has planned ahead and maintains adequate ammunition for necessary training. As with other commodities, including fuel, we will be monitoring the cost of ammunition in the future and make any necessary adjustments to account for any increased expenses.

It is important to note that use of force training is not limited to the firing of agency weapons. The Ashland Police Department meets nationally accepted standards of use of force training for both firearms and other force tools at the agency's disposal.

The Ashland Police Department is dedicated to providing our officers with the highest quality equipment and training possible.

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