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Influence The Decision! Duty Ammo

The latest and greatest, super, ultra, tactical, hot, devastator, LE-only ammo means nothing — if you miss. There are too many variables involved in trying to cure those ills. The draw, gun handling skills, trigger control, sight picture and stress control are just some of the skills necessary to make it through a really bad day. So the least a decision-maker or decision-influencer (you?) should do is provide their cops with the best ammunition available. At least get that right. Right?

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One Size Fits All?

There's no "1-size-fits-all" solution. Every agency has different needs. Ammunition requirements for San Diego, Calif. vary greatly from a department high in the Rocky Mountains. Nine months out of the year, a suspect in need of a good shooting may be wearing a tee shirt and shorts in San Diego. In Colorado they could be wearing a Carhart quilted jacket over a sweatshirt, vest, cotton shirt and thermal skivvies. In a colder climate the hollow point bullet used in San Diego *might* plug up from the extra layers, become ball ammunition, not expand and over-penetrate. Weather, altitude and general usage needs to be considered.

Must-Haves

No matter which cartridge is the choice of your agency there are a few must-haves. It must be accurate. That's a no-brainer — except when they have no brains. It must be reliable. Testing should be done under varying conditions — clean gun, dirty gun and wet gun. Make sure you take into account conditions in your area. If your jurisdiction is a desert, throw some sand on the gun and ammo and test that way. If your agency allows or even issues lights on your duty weapon, be sure to

test the ammo in a gun configured for field carry.

It must perform well downrange — not feet-per-second or foot-pounds of energy, but what happens when it goes into someone requiring the application of a bullet. Currently, the most used testing modality is the FBI protocol. While not perfect, it's a good indicator of how your ammo performs under field conditions. If nothing else, it's a solid tool for comparison. But like anything, you can't always believe manufacturer's hype. Before you make your decision, test it yourself or participate in a certified testing event. See it with your own eyes. Tell your administration what you *need* and what works for *your* agency. Make waves.



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Federal produces legendary ammunition for law enforcement. Their Tactical Bonded is exceptional in barrier penetration as well as accuracy. Tactical HST has a hollow point that resists plugging while passing through barriers. Tactical Hydra-Shok has a notched copper jacket. The post in the hollow point aides in resistance to plugging and helps control expansion. Federal's Classic used to be called Hi-Shok. It's essentially the same as Hydra-Shok but without the post. If cost is an issue, this round is a superior performer at a reasonable price. ATK also manufactures Speer LE ammunition. Speer's Gold Dot for law enforcement ammunition has an earned reputation. Gold Dot Short Barrel is specially designed to work in 2" barrels and still provide good expansion. Their semiauto ammo is designed to

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