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**Armed Policing
Policy**

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The Police Service of Scotland, (hereafter referred to as Police Scotland) recognises that an individual's right to life and public safety is of paramount consideration when dealing with armed policing matters. The issue of firearms and the deployment of armed officers will at all times be carried out under rigorous standards of training, authorisation and robust operational command. This is achieved in accordance with the provisions of the Authorised Professional Practice (Armed Policing) as adopted by Police Scotland, and the Statement of Intent on Police Use of Firearms and Less Lethal Weapons in Scotland.

Police Scotland is committed to applying sound decision making methodology to ensure that any response to firearms threats will be proportionate, legal, accountable, necessary, least intrusive and take cognisance of officer safety and the safety of the public.