



<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Issue: 2.0</b>
<b>Firearms Recovery &amp; Submission to NFFID</b>	<b>Date: 01/03/2011</b>

### **Policy Statement**

The primary function of the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is the protection of civil nuclear sites and nuclear materials.

Whilst the CNC may also carry out other functions in support of law enforcement and national security, the Co-ordinated Policing Protocol between the CNC & Home Office/ Scottish Police Forces (HO/SPFs) outlines the areas of responsibility and accountability between the CNC and HO/SPFs. Within this Protocol it is stated that primary responsibility for the maintenance and enforcement of the criminal law throughout England and Wales rests with the Chief Officers of Police Forces identified in Part 1 of the Police Act 1996, and in Scotland the Chief Officers of the Scottish Police Forces.

Where firearms, their component parts or ammunition come into CNC possession, forensic examination and inclusion on to the National Firearms Forensic Intelligence Database (NFFID) is likely to be required to ascertain any possible involvement in crime. Such a forensic examination may form part of a criminal investigation, the primary responsibility for which rests with the relevant HO/SPF in accordance with the Protocol. CNC Police Officers / Police Staff will therefore only carry out any action that is immediately required to render the firearm / component part / ammunition safe. Such action should only be undertaken by a person qualified in their handling (e.g. an Authorised Firearms Officer) and, if possible, trained in the preservation of evidence.

The CNC will consult and cooperate with the relevant HO/SPF around the appropriate actions to be taken in respect of firearms, their component parts or ammunition coming into CNC possession.

### **Aims of the Policy**

To ensure that any firearm, their components or ammunition which comes into the possession of the CNC, and which is not owned by the CNC, does not present a risk to CNC Police Officers / Police Staff or any other person and that any action taken by CNC Police Officers / Police Staff is necessary and appropriate to support any potential investigation by a HO/SPF.

This policy is not enacted by further management system documents.

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