

2015 POLICE READER CHOICE AWARDS

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This year **POLICE** featured hundreds of products in our coverage of law enforcement technologies, tools, weapons, and apparel. Through analysis of reader interest shown on *PoliceMag.com* and through the insight of our editorial staff, we have determined these 20 products to be the most popular covered in the magazine during 2015.



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5.11 TACTICAL • UCR SLINGPACK

The UCR Slingpack was designed to provide first responders with a solution for reacting to active shooter or mass casualty incidents. Designed as an ambidextrous bag with a front drop opening, interior pockets with bungee retention, and a large front web patch panel, the UCR Slingpack is made of rugged 1,500-denier nylon and has 840 cubic inches of capacity. Available in black, Sandstorm (tan), and Storm (gray).

www.511tactical.com

AERYON • HDZOOM30 PAYLOAD

Tactical and surveillance teams can keep eyes on target from a maximum standoff distance for safe and covert operations using the Aeryon HDZoom30. This imaging payload increases operational effectiveness and becomes a force multiplier by capturing distant targets in high resolution and detail. Aeryon SkyRanger sUAS operators can now read a license plate and recognize a face from a distance of more than 1,000 feet.

www.aeryon.com

AIMPOINT • MICRO T-2 RED DOT SIGHT

Aimpoint's newest rifle optic was released in late 2014 and reviewed in January's "Police Product Test." Contributing editor A.J. George was very impressed with the sight. He wrote: "Right out of the box the

T-2 checked every box on my T-1 wish-list. The improved lenses are now protected by flip-up covers, and the turrets are protected by better caps and beefed-up surroundings. The new lens coating (and I have to say, the old one was pretty impressive) is also a notable improvement with a wide field of view and crystal clarity. All of the original T-1 awesomeness is still here, too, including 50,000 hours of battery life, 12 brightness settings, NVG compatibility, 80-foot water resistance, and a hard-anodized finish. All packed into an optic weighing a mere 3 ounces."

www.aimpoint.com

ANGEL ARMOR BALLISTIC DOOR PANELS

Fort Collins, Colo.-based Angel Armor says its Ballistic Door Panels exceed NIJ IIIA level multi-round protection. The panels also undergo environmental testing to ensure they are weather proof, meaning they are resistant to heat, cold, humidity, vibration, and abrasion. Angel Armor says its patented manufacturing process technology allows the armor to provide optimal protection while staying thin and lightweight, weighing less than nine pounds per panel. To install, you essentially remove the door's weather stripping and slide the Ballistic Door Panel between the window and the door. You don't need to weld brackets to the car or

put bolts through the panels.

<http://armor.angelintelligence.com>

BAYCO • NIGHTSTICK NSR 9744

This flashlight was reviewed in the May Police Product Test by contributing editor A.J. George. He wrote: "The first thing I took note of about the NSR 9744 was that it was a full-size light but it seemed anything but, in a good way. The long body was narrow and the main bezel wasn't much bigger. The 650-lumen Cree LED will throw a focused beam over 275 meters, which is more than enough for most police applications. The most distinctive feature of this light was the 600-lumen unfocused floodlight integrated into the housing that can be turned on independently. With the NSR-9744XL tucked under an arm this little accessory LED makes for a fantastic working light."

www.baycoproducts.com

BERETTA • ARX-100 RIFLE

Beretta's ARX-100 is a 5.56mm, piston-driven, magazine-fed, semi-automatic rifle. Contributing editor A.J. George reviewed the rifle in the January "Arsenal." He wrote: "As a duty weapon, the Beretta ARX-100 is a winner. The quality, ergonomics, and ease of operation and maintenance are all a huge benefit over most traditional AR-15 systems. The accuracy is what I would consider just above average



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and the trigger is fantastic. It is compatible with most AR-15 optics and accessories, and the ambidextrous controls are a huge plus. If you're in the market for a long gun to add to your duty arsenal, the ARX-100 is a solid choice."

www.beretta.com

CASIO • G-SHOCK WATCHES

Casio has expanded its G-Shock collection with four models dubbed the Military Black line. Strap, body, face, and dials are all blacked out for maximum covertness. The GA110MB-1A and the GA100MB-1A are a combination of analog and digital displays with a quartz movement. The Military Black line features excellent shock- and magnetic resistance, as well as being watertight up to 200 meters. Features include a chronograph, countdown timer, calendar, world time, and alarm; all lit by a red LED.

www.casio.com

CHEVROLET • TAHOE PPV

Chevy's latest addition to the law enforcement SUV market is the completely redesigned 2015 Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle (PPV) based on the fourth generation of the civilian Tahoe SUV. The 2015 Tahoe PPV features an automatic four-wheel-drive system with driver selectable full-time high or low 4WD gearing. Officers assigned the 2015 Tahoe PPV will quickly learn that the front bucket seats are comfortable and the interior ergonomics for the driver are also excellent. New for 2015 is a 5.3-liter EcoTec3 V8 engine with Active Fuel Management that pumps out 355 horsepower and 383 pound/feet of torque.

www.chevrolet.com

DANIEL DEFENSE • MK 12 RIFLE

The Daniel Defense MK12 rifle is considered a "special purpose rifle" in that it serves a specific function, in this case

medium range precision. Contributing editor A.J. George reviewed the 5.56mm rifle in the April "Arsenal." He summed up its performance writing, "At the end of the day I had sent about 150 rounds down the MK12's throat and it spit out every one of them with precision. The gun ran like a champ and the trigger was simply amazing. I'd take this gun on duty in a flash and with complete confidence."

<https://danieldefense.com>

DICKIES • LIGHTWEIGHT RIPSTOP TACTICAL PANT

The Lightweight Ripstop Tactical Pant from Dickies is designed with Dupont Teflon fabric protector that repels water and stains, while featuring a comfort waist, functional and roomy bellowed cargo pockets, and an expandable comfort waist with tunnel belt loops.

www.dickiesdelivered.com

DIGITAL ALLY • DVM-800

The DVM-800 In-Car Video System from Digital Ally provides top-of-the-line capabilities at significant savings, including discounts for existing system trade-in, a future buy-back guarantee, and 5-year warranty with advance replacement system coverage. The base package features four cameras, wireless download and configuration, simultaneous continuous and incident recording, enhanced quality, and more.

www.digitalallyinc.com

GLOCK • G43 PISTOL

Out of all the reviews or product articles published in POLICE during 2015, contributing editor A.J. George's "Arsenal" evaluation of Glock G43 was the most popular with the readers. Which is no surprise; the subcompact 9mm pistol has been a big hit with shooters. George wrote: "The questions you have to ask to determine if the G43 is for you are: Do you carry a 9mm auto as a primary weapon and want the continuity with your secondary pistol? Are you convinced the 9mm round is the best thing out there and wouldn't want to think of carrying anything else? If the answer to either question is yes, then the G43 may be the backup or concealed carry gun for you."

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OAKLEY • TOMBSTONE EYESHIELD

Oakley introduced the Tombstone eyeshield at the Shooting, Hunting, and Outdoor Tradeshow (SHOT) in January. Contributing editor A.J. George reviewed this eyewear in the February "Police Product Test." He wrote: "Designed around Oakley's Prizm lens technology, the Tombstones are cut and fit with the tactical operator and competition shooter in mind. Oakley spent years researching what the best of the best need to perform, tracking their eye movements, and logging countless hours behind a gun. The result is an incredibly light, full-faced pair of glasses

that minimizes blind spots while enhancing everything else. I spent about 10 minutes with these on the demo range and felt like I was seeing color for the first time. Although the tint isn't dark, my eyes were completely relaxed even in bright daylight and the targets and colors were enhanced like never before."

www.oakleysi.com

PELICAN • 7000 LED FLASHLIGHT

The lightweight Pelican 7000 LED flashlight weighs in at a mere 5.6 ounces with batteries (two CR123 lithium cells, included) and provides lighting modes to adapt to almost any situation: high (602 lumens), medium (311 lumens), low (64 lumens), and strobe. In addition to standard functionality, it offers four separate

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POINT BLANK • ALPHA ELITE ARMOR

Alpha Elite is soft, concealable body armor, available in NIJ Level II or IIIA for both male and female cuts and it is NIJ 0101.06 compliant. Point Blank says this line of vests is lighter and more comfortable than other comparable vests on the market. The vest is constructed entirely of DSM Dyneema Force Multiplier fibers.

www.pointblankenterprises.com

STREAMLIGHT TLR-6 WEAPONS LIGHT

Made exclusively for Glock G42 and G43 pistols, the Streamlight TLR-6 weighs in at a mere 36 grams. The TLR-6 features

three modes: light only, laser only, and a light/laser combo. Activated from either side by a rubberized button, the C4 LED bulb produces 100 lumens with a runtime of about an hour on two small CR123N lithium batteries. In laser-only mode runtime is 11 hours.

www.streamlight.com

TEAM WENDY EXFIL BALLISTIC HELMET

The Exfil Ballistic Helmet features a hybrid composite shell that yields increased strength and an optimal fit. Retention is provided by an adjustable boltless Cam-Fit system. Impact protection is provided by a newly designed Zorbium foam liner with customizable comfort pads. The helmet also features the accessory rail 2.0

system with integrated T-slots for custom mounting and an updated Wilcox W Shroud.

www.teamwendy.com

TRU-SPEC • 24-7 GRID FLEECE HOODIE

The Tru-Spec 24-7 Grid Fleece Hoodie is a warm and comfortable hooded sweatshirt with a few features that would make it well suited for undercover work or off-duty concealed carry. Like most hoodies the Grid Fleece has a front kangaroo pocket. This one is extra-large and would allow the wearer to conceal just about any handgun, and there are two zippered internal pockets for stowing a variety of items such as a small pistol, knife, or credentials for quick and easy access. 🎯

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