

Salinas Police Firearms Training Unit

2ND Quarter Standard Handgun Qualification and Training

Lesson Plan

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2nd Quarter, Supplemental Training to Standard Quarterly Handgun Qualification

This training is supplemental to the Standard Quarterly Handgun Qualification. See the "Standard Quarterly Handgun Quals" lesson plan for details.

Training Objective: Officers will receive training on engaging multiple targets from a static position of cover utilizing a patrol vehicle. Officers will utilize different lighting methods to positively identify and engage various targets in a low light environment. The course of fire will also be initiated by receiving simulated fire utilizing an airsoft gun in order to simulate and ambush. Range staff will explain prior to the shooting exercises, the pros and cons of various lighting techniques that an officer can employ when engaging targets in a low light environment, as well using a light source to defeat the effects of Code 3 lighting from the patrol vehicle on their target. Range staff will also explain the pros and cons of various positions of cover utilizing a patrol cover and their practicality (engine block, wheel assemblies vs. stacked pillars). The differences between cover and concealment, as well as the differences between utilizing cover properly in a low light vs. full lighting environment (low light being closer to cover to minimize backlighting vs. full light maintaining distance from cover to both minimize the officer's exposure to the suspect and allow for better suspect recognition/identification). Additionally, Range staff will demonstrate the proper technique of drawing their handgun and exiting the vehicle under ambush circumstances. Removing the seatbelt, unholstering the firearm while avoiding sweeping the legs, exiting the vehicle and maintaining a low silhouette to maximize cover, as well as exiting the vehicle on the contact/non-contact side.

Students: This training will accommodate 1-2 students per session, with a 1-1 instructor to student ratio, but a minimum of two instructors.

Materials Needed:

1. Duty Weapon with minimum of 2 Handgun Magazines
2. Eye and Ear Protection
3. Ballistic Vest
4. Weapon Mounted lighting system and/or handheld light
5. 6 Backers and 2 Threat Photo Realistic Targets, 4 Non-Threat Photo Realistic Targets
6. 1 Patrol Vehicle with Code 3 lighting equipment
7. 1 Airsoft gun
8. Uniform or Range Appropriate Attire.

Safety: All Officers involved in this training are responsible for safety. If anyone involved observes any unsafe action, they are to stop the training and address the issue. Prior to the training a weapons check will be conducted to ensure that all weapon(s) are unloaded, and no live ammunition is present. If any person leaves the training site a weapons check will be done on them prior to them resuming training. There will be radios and a cell phone on site in case of an emergency. There will also be a trauma kit maintained at the range.

Shoot #1: Standard Quarterly Handgun Qualifications – 2 students at a time

See separate lesson plan

Range Setup for Shoot #2: One student at a time

***** Shooters will download firearms for dryfire training*****

***** Rangemaster will observe as shooter set's up an empty chamber prior to the course of fire*****

Designated shooter will start seated in the driver's seat, with seatbelt on. The patrol vehicle will be set up on the 10-yard line and be centered between lanes #1 and #7. Lanes #1-3 will have one Threat photo realistic target and 2 Non-Threat photo realistic targets. Lane #4 will remain empty for necessary offset. Lanes #5-7 will have one Threat photo realistic target and 2 Non-Threat photo realistic targets. The front of the patrol vehicle will be facing the #1 lane so that the shooter will exit the vehicle on the non-contact side during the dry fire training portion.

Shoot #2 Training topics

1. *DRY FIRE* Unholstering the firearm and exiting the vehicle
2. Use of light and lighting techniques under low light conditions
3. Appropriate use of cover on a patrol vehicle and under low light conditions
4. Target discrimination and challenge commands on Non-threat targets
5. Performing a proper combat follow through and scan
6. Performing a tactical reload when there is a lull in the fight
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Shoot #2: (Hit Zone, Center Mass)

*** 30 Rounds Total (Up to 4 rounds per pass) ***

1. Shooter will start in the driver's seat with his/her seatbelt on, they will have their firearm holstered with an empty chamber, with his/her loaded magazines. The range lighting system will be set to a low light condition, with the rear line of lights only, and the Code 3 lighting located at the front of the range light bannister will be activated. The headlights on the patrol vehicle will be on as well as the lightbar set to Code 2. A range master will have the range tablet in hand and set up to control the turning targets. The secondary range master will be set to fire the airsoft gun to initiate the course of fire.
2. While the shooter is seated in the driver seat of the patrol vehicle. Upon the secondary range master firing the airsoft gun to initiate the course of fire the range master controlling the range tablet will begin rotating the target(s) on lanes #1-3, that will be the shooters cue to exit the vehicle and take appropriate cover at the front of the patrol vehicle and begin engaging their targets after clearing their malfunction. The Threat target should be presented 3 times throughout the rotation of the targets.
3. After the threat target has been presented 3 times, the range master controlling the tablet will allow a brief pause to allow an appropriate combat follow through and scan. A tactical reload during this pause should be observed but will not be prompted.
4. The rangemaster controlling the tablet will then begin rotating the targets on lanes #5-7. The shooter will reposition utilizing appropriate cover on the rear of the patrol vehicle and begin engaging targets #5-7. The threat target should be presented approximately 3 times throughout the rotation of the targets.

Upon completion of the shoot, range staff will discuss with the students the pros and cons of the students' performance and provide additional tips and training as needed.

- ***Key Points of Discussion***
 - 80% of officers assaulted are between 6pm and 6 am
 - Of those, 80% occur during 8pm and 2 am
 - Over 20% of all officers feloniously killed is accomplished by ambush/unprovoked attacks as of 2016 and has been steadily increasing
 - Many are accomplished with multiple assailants



10-yard line



Targets #1 and 7 will have threat targets