

# 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 moving targets from a static position of cover utilizing a barricade at long distance. This qualification course will reinforce basic weapon manipulation skills which can magnify shooter deficiencies at long distance. In addition, the course of fire will be performed in low light conditions. Instructors will explain the advantages and disadvantages of different lighting techniques to maximize their level of performance during a low light environment. In addition, instructors will discuss options on how to properly use the barricades as cover and relate to a real environment scenario to minimize backlighting. The course of fire will provide instructors an opportunity to evaluate shooters and provide instruction to resolve and work on such areas of deficiency.

A failed qualification must be remediated per department policy.

**Location:** Salinas P.D. Range

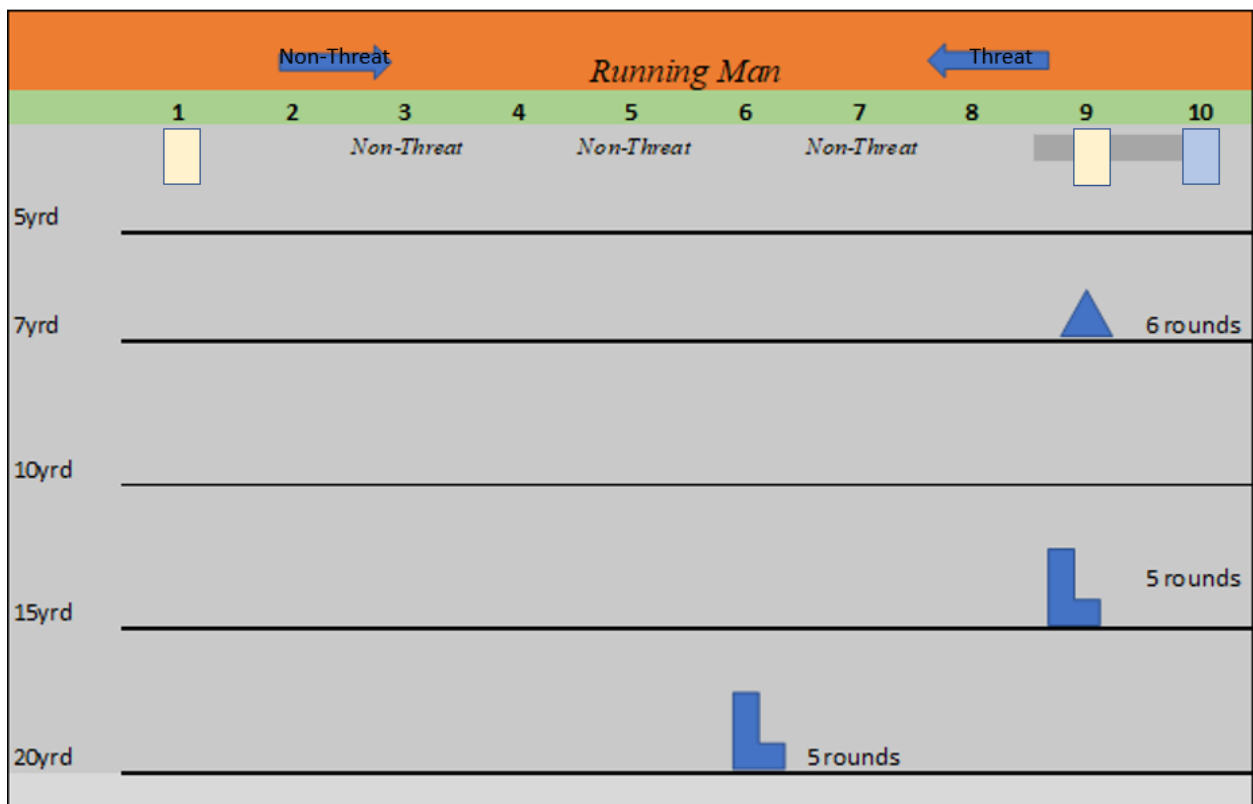
#### **Materials Needed:**

Eye and ear protections/vest  
Duty belt or mode of carry for current assignment (e.g. Detectives)  
Duty weapon and magazines  
Handgun ammunition 9mm and 45 cal.  
Threat/Non-Threat Targets  
Uniform or Range 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.

**Range Set-Up: One Officer at a time**

The instructor(s) will select the low light environment for this training by choosing “Scene-4” on the lighting control unit. The following light rows (H, I, J) will be adjusted manually to 100%. The designated shooter will start this drill at the 20-yard line utilizing a barricade as cover which will be placed in front of target #6. The second barricade will be placed at the 15-yard line in front of target #9. There will be a standard qualification target mounted on target holder #9 where the shooter will conclude this training by shooting 6 rounds as fast and accurately as possible while advancing towards the target. In addition, there will be non-threat targets mounted on target holders #3, #5, #7. Cardboard backers with no targets will be placed at the #1 and #9 positions, these will serve as the right and left limits for shooters to engage the moving targets. Officers will not shoot until the threat target has moved past the edge of the cardboard backer going towards the center of the range. The shooter will need 3 magazines for this training. Two magazines with 5 rounds each and one magazine with 6 rounds.



**Course Description:**

The shooter will begin this training from a position of cover behind a barricade at the 20-yard line. The shooter will start from a low ready position and the movement of targets will be the cue to begin using their light to identify and engage the proper target. The shooter will fire 5 rounds from this distance and upon completing this round count, the shooter will conduct a reload prior to moving to the next position of cover placed at the 15-yard line. The threat target should remain out of sight behind the cardboard backer until the shooter has completed their movement to the next barricade. The officer will only shoot at the moving target while at the barricades and not while moving to cover. Once the shooter is behind cover the targets will again be moved presenting a threat. The officer will fire 5 rounds from the 15-yard line. After firing 5 rounds the shooter will reload and then advance to the 7-yard line while firing 6 rounds at target #10 while on the move. If the shooter has not fired all of their rounds by the time they reach the 7 yard line they will stop and finish firing from this distance.

**Training Topics:**

1. Use of Barricade (cover)
2. Target trapping vs target ambush techniques
3. Tracking
4. Lighting techniques
5. Shooting while on the move

Upon completion of this training, range instructors will discuss with students the advantages and disadvantages of the Officers' performance and provide additional advice and/or training as applicable. Specific mention should be made of the advantage of weapon mounted lights in low light situations.