

Basic Tactical Firearms (PSP) Expanded Course Outline

COURSE TITLE: BASIC TACTICAL FIREARMS

COURSE GOAL: The course will provide the trainee with the minimum topics of tactical firearms and lethal force required in the POST Perishable Skills Training Program (PSP). The trainee will develop the necessary firearms tactical knowledge and skills to survive and win a realistic lethal force encounter.

The course consists of a hands-on/practical skills firearms training for in-service officers. *The training may be presented in a 4, 6, or 8 hour format allowing for flexibility based upon specific agency or trainee group needs, and as long as the minimum topics are contained within each format independently.*

******For the 4 hours PSP the material in the 6 or 8 hours portion of the outline will not be presented.***

STUDENTS: Sworn Peace Officers and Level I and Level II Reserve Officers who will qualify and carry service pistols on duty in the scope of their employment.

Minimum Topics/Exercises:

1. Basic Tactical Firearms Situations, Judgment and Decision making Exercise(s) – expanded outline must define each exercise and its terminal objective(s)
2. Class Exercises/Student Evaluation/Testing
3. Safety Guidelines/Orientation
4. Sight Alignment, Trigger Control, Accuracy
5. Target Recognition and Analysis
6. Weapons Clearing
7. Live Fire Tactical/or Simunitions Tactical
8. Policy and/or Legal Issues
9. Use of Force Considerations (options)
10. Moral Obligations

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of their individual Department Use of Force/Firearms Policy, considerations and moral obligations.

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2. Identify the tactical analysis key points related to tactical firearms as reported in the POST Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) studies (2006 to Present).
3. Demonstrate a minimum standard of tactical handgun proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course-of-fire, to include:
 - a. Judgment and Decision Making
 - b. Weapons Safety
 - c. Basic Presentation Technique
 - d. Fundamentals of Shooting
 - e. Target/Non-Target Identification
 - f. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions
 - g. Shot Placement: Multiple Rounds and multiple targets

I. SAFETY AND RANGE RULES

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- A. Introduction, Registration and Orientation
- B. Course Objectives/Overview, Exercises, Evaluation/Testing
- C. Weapons Safety Orientation, Review of Range and Shooting Safety Rules
 1. The four basic safety rules include
 - a. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded
 - b. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy
 - c. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you are ready to shoot
 - d. Always be sure of your target and background
 2. Range and Tactical Safety
 - a. Follow Range Rules
 - b. Follow Instructor Commands
 - c. Strict Weapon Discipline and Muzzle Control
 - d. No “Lasering” of personal body parts
 - e. Medical emergency procedures
 - f. “Cease fire” – Instructor or student.

II. POST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED/ASSAULTED (LEOKA) STUDIES

- A. 2006/2015 Reports
- B. Vital Statistics from LEOKA Reports
- C. Conclusive Technical Analysis
 1. Low Light conditions
 2. Close distance – less than 10 feet
 3. Number of rounds fire by suspect vs officer
 4. Types of calls
 5. Officer Accuracy: averages 10-20%
 6. Use of Cover
 7. Summary – Overview

I. USE OF FORCE/LETHAL FORCE AND FIREARMS POLICY I (h, i, j)

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- A. Use of Force Options
 - 1. Lethal Force within the spectrum of force options
 - 2. Verbal, Hands, Less than Lethal, Lethal Force
 - 3. Escalation and De-escalation Process
- B. Department Use of Force Policy (G.O. 300, 308, 310, 312)
 - 1. Use of Force – when can it be used
 - 2. Factors used to determine reasonableness of force
 - 3. Deadly force applications
 - 4. Shooting at moving vehicles
 - 5. Medical and notifications
- A. Supporting Case Law
 - 1. Tennessee vs. Garner
 - a. Deadly Force
 - b. Fleeting Felon
 - 2. Graham vs. Conner Reasonable Force
- D. Shooting Decisions /Use of Force Consideration
 - a. Knowing your abilities and Limitations
 - b. Parameters of applicable State and Federal laws
- E. Legal/Moral/Ethical Issues involving Use of Force/Lethal Force
- F. Civil Implications of using Force/Lethal Force
 - 1. Report Writing and Preliminary Investigation Overview

III. NOMENCLATURE, SPECIFICATIONS AND CAPABILITIES: HK45 Pistol

- A. Nomenclature
- B. Specifications
 - 1. Semi-automatic pistol
 - 2. 45 ACP caliber
 - 3. Magazine capacity
 - 4. Type of sights
 - 5. Muzzle velocity
- C. Capabilities
 - 1. Maximum Range
 - 2. Maximum effective range
 - 3. Effectiveness against glass, sheetrock, stucco etc.1.

IV. FIREARM CARE, DISASSEMBLY / ASSEMBLY AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Field strip
- B. If the Officer believes that the pistol needs to be further cleaned or disassemble past a field strip, a department armorer will be consulted.

V. FUNDAMENTALS OF SHOOTING

I (d, e)

- A. Stance



- B. Grip

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C. Sight Picture

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D. Trigger Control

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E. Breathing

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F. Recover – Follow Through

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VI FIVE COUNT PISTOL PRESENTATION

I (d)

A. Count One

[Redacted]

B. Count Two

[Redacted]

C. Count Three

[Redacted]

D. Count Four

[Redacted]

E. Count Five

[Redacted]

F. Target Recognition and Analysis

[REDACTED]

G. Reholstering

[REDACTED]

VII. CLEARING MALFUNCTIONS (Pistol and Carbine)

I (f)

In close quarter confrontations, consider immediate transition if handling the long gun to the pistol within 25 yards.

A. Type 1 Malfunctions

[REDACTED]

B. Stove pipe (Type 2)

[REDACTED]

C. Type 3 Malfunctions

[REDACTED]

VIII. TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

I (d, e)

- A. Based on Campbell Guidelines and training
- B. Front sight picture vs. point shoot
- C. Movements (Forward, side to side, backing)
- D. Choosing target when presented with multiple threats
- E. Cover/Concealment
- F. Moving Targets
- G. Physical environment

IX. LIVE FIRE EXERCISES

I (a, b, d, e, f, g)

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- Live fire at multiple targets
- Precision shooting exercise
- Low light exercises
- Reloading and firing exercises
- Malfunction exercises
- Move and fire exercises
- Close quarter tactical shooting
- Shoot / don't shoot target scenarios (Judgment and Decision making)

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Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the trainee during their performance of each technique, exercise and course-of-fire. Minimum passing accuracy will be 80%. If a student does not pass with the minimum score there will be retraining to address the issue prior to the live fire exercise being repeated. If after two subsequent attempts the student cannot pass with retraining between each remediation the division commander will be notified and the student will be scheduled for an additional firearms remediation training day. A student may be scheduled for remediation training by an Instructor regardless of if they have a passing score. In addition to a passing score, Instructors are evaluating skill proficiency and safe firearms handling. Expanded course shotgun – minimum passing is all pellets and slugs inside of the silhouette. Expanded course carbine – same standards and passing score % as pistol.

EXTENDED EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE TO 6 HOURS

X. 870 SHOTGUN

I (d)

- A. Nomenclature
- B. Specifications
 1. Pump Action shotgun
 2. 12 gauge – slug / buckshot
 3. Ported/back-bored
 4. Magazine capacity
 5. Type of sights
 - a. Ghost ring – sight alignment
 - b. Bead sights – sight alignment
 6. Muzzle velocity
- C. Capabilities
 1. Maximum Range Buckshot/Slug
 2. Maximum effective range Buckshot/Slug
 3. Effectiveness against glass, sheetrock, stucco etc.

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- D. Loading / Malfunctions I (f)
 - 1. Inspection for patrol
 - 2. Loading / unloading
 - 3. Tactical loading
 - 4. Clearing Malfunctions / transitions

XI. LIVE FIRE EXERCISES I (a, b, d, e, f, g)

Done on the range under the direct supervision of the instructors



- Precision shooting exercise (Slugs)
- Low light exercises
- Reloading and firing exercises
- Malfunction exercises
- Move and fire exercises
- Close quarter tactical shooting



EXTENDED EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE TO 8 HOURS

XII CARBINE (AR15/M16)

- A. Nomenclature
- B. Specifications
 - 1. Semi-automatic gas operated rifle
 - 2. Caliber .223 / 5.56 X45 mm
 - 3. Magazine capacity
 - 4. Type of sights (irons vs aimpoint)
- C. Capabilities
 - 1. Maximum range
 - 2. Maximum effective range
 - 3. Penetration of soft body armor
 - 4. Limitations with other barrier such as glass, sheetrock, stucco etc.
- D. Loading / Malfunctions – same sequence as pistol I (f)
 - 1. Inspection for patrol
 - 2. Loading / unloading
 - 3. Transitions

XIII LIVE FIRE EXERCISES I (a, b, d, e, f, g)


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- Precision shooting exercise
- Low light exercises

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Reloading and firing exercises
Malfunction exercises
Move and fire exercises
Close quarter tactical shooting

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