

Firearms Laser Update 6 Hoiurs

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Firearms, Laser Update

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6-Hour Expanded Course Outline

I. USE OF FIREARMS AND DEADLY FORCE/ ASSAULTS BY MOVING VEHICLES

A. Use of Firearms and Deadly Force

1. Manual of Policy & Procedures Section 3-01/025.30
2. Reverence for human life

B. Assaults by Moving Vehicles

1. Manual of Policy & Procedures Section 3-01/025.40
2. Evaluation of tactical principles

II. COMBAT MINDSET

A.

Contacts

1. Traffic stops
2. Pedestrians/bicyclists

III. CONTROL

A. Mindset, Training/ Experience Physical fitness,

1. *Mindset* describes an officers state of mind, to include threat assessment; mental preparation for traumatic incidents and pre-planning; a survivor/combat type mindset.

2. *Physical Fitness* preferably a good balance between strength and stamina; a good understanding of personal physical limitations.

3. *Training/ Experience* encompasses the individuals tactical training as well as his familiarity with his equipment.

B. Contact & Cover

C. Distance

D. Timing

IV. CLOSE QUARTER BATTLE - SURVIVING THE ATTACK

A. Decisiveness conscious or subconscious.

B. Ambush elements

1. Surprise

2. Kill zone

V. IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

A. *Actions: Move, Identify threat & return fire, Reload, Communicate*

1. Ambushed on foot:
2. Ambushed in vehicle
3. Tactics Employed
4. Survival Stress Reaction

B. Locating and Containing the Suspect:

1. Shooting Positions

C. Locating the Shooter

1. Muzzle flash or smoke.
2. Dust blown up from the muzzle blast.
3. Blown leaves from the muzzle blast
4. Movement of the shooter
5. Impact of the rounds
6. Glass and debris fragmentation patterns
7. Witnesses pointing at or running away from the shooter
8. Audible reports of the weapon

D. Terrain Analysis

1. **Key terrain**
2. **Observation**
3. **Cover and concealment**

4. Obstacles

5. Avenues of approach and egress

E. Seven "C's" of Tactical Operations

1. Command

2. Control

3. Communicate

4. Coordinate

5. Contain

6. Contingency

7. Critique

F. Preventative Measures

1. Area Awareness

2. Suspicious Activity

3. Avoid Predictability

4. Pre-plan Responses

VI. CONCLUSION

A.

Awareness vs. Paranoia

B. CQB guidelines and Legal Issues
