

Tactical Rifle Update

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

AR-15 RIFLE WITH OPTIC RE-CERTIFICATION

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE

1820 - 29900

COURSE GOAL

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The course will provide the student with instruction that meets or exceeds the minimum topics of patrol rifle and lethal force required in the POST perishable skills patrol rifle program. The student will develop the necessary patrol rifle knowledge and skills to survive and win a realistic force encounter.

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TACTICAL FIREARMS:

Minimum Topics / Exercises:

- A. Basic Tactical
- B. Student Evaluation / Testing
- C. Safety Guidelines / Orientation
- D. Sight Alignment, Trigger Control, Accuracy
- E. Target Recognition and Analysis
- F. Weapons Clearing
- G. Live Fire Tactical
 - H. Policy and / or Legal Issues
 - I. Use of Force Considerations (options)
 - J. Moral Obligations

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will:

- A. Demonstrate knowledge of the Department Use of Force / Firearms Policy.
- B. Demonstrate a minimum standard of patrol rifle proficiency with every technique, exercise and course of fire to include:
 - 1. Judgement and Decision Making.
 - 2. Weapons Safety.
 - 3. Basic Presentation Technique.
 - 4. Fundamentals of Shooting.
 - 5. Target / Non-target Identification.
 - 6. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions.
 - 7. Shot Placement: Stopping Power - Multiple Rounds.

Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the student during the performance of each technique, exercise and course of fire. If the student does not meet the minimum standards, reasonable remedial training will be provided until the standard is met or the student is denied certification.

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The AR-15 rifle is also referred to as the patrol rifle. Only personnel who have successfully completed a two day 16 hour certification course and maintain their yearly certification may deploy the AR-15 rifle. The live fire exercises for the patrol rifle are designed to include all of the basic fundamentals regarding its use. The drills include rapid decision making, shoot/no-shoot decisions, multiple targets, positional shooting, use of cover, and working in teams. Students will be evaluated

and/or tested on the skills reviewed and practiced during these courses of fire. Students who are successful in completing the AR-15 rifle certification class will have demonstrated their ability to handle the rifle safely, effectively, and with a high level of accuracy.

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RE-CERTIFICATION EIGHT HOURS

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I.

INTRODUCTION / ORIENTATION (C)

- A. Introduction, Registration and Orientation.
- B. Course Objectives, Overview, Exercises, Evaluation and Testing.
- C. Issuance of Safety Equipment (if needed).
- D. Issuance of Patrol Rifle (if needed).
- E. Weapons Maintenance.
 - 1. Disassemble, Inspect for Damage, Lube.

II.

FIREARMS SAFETY (C)

- A. Review Weapons Safety, Basic Safety Rules and Range Rules
 - 1. Treat all weapons as if they are loaded.
 - 2. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to shoot.

3. Keep your finger off the trigger until you have made the decision to shoot.
4. Be sure of your target, backstop and what is beyond.
5. Range Rules
 - a. Must wear approved safety glasses and hearing protection.
 - b. No live ammunition permitted inside the classroom.
 - c. Follow instructor commands.
 - d. If instructions are unclear, raise support hand and ask for clarification, don't guess. Keep muzzle pointed in a safe direction and do not back off of the line.
 - e. Maintain strict weapon discipline and muzzle control.

III.

LETHAL FORCE OVERVIEW
(H, I, J)

- A. Legal/Moral/Ethical issues involving use of force/lethal force.
- B. Civil implications of using force/lethal force.
- C. Review Department policy regarding use of force/lethal force.
- D. Review of Departments firearms policy.
- E. Use of force within the spectrum of force options.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

IV. AR-15 RIFLE BASIC MANIPULATIONS

A. Operating the rifle (B)

1. Demonstrate and practice loading and unloading.
2. Demonstrate and practice chambering and clearing the chamber.
3. Demonstrate and practice malfunction clearance.
4. Demonstrate and practice bringing rifle back to patrol ready configuration.

V. AR-15 RIFLE SIGHT VERIFICATION

A. Fire Sight-in (B, D) Live

1. Sight-in conducted at 50 yards.
2. Rifles shot from a sandbag rest.
3. Instructors make sight adjustments as necessary.
4. Both iron sights and optic are checked for proper alignment.

VI. POSITIONAL SHOOTING WITH TACTICAL RELOADS

A. Live fire shooting from supported standing, kneeling and prone positions

1. Fire 2 rounds standing supported position
2. Conduct tactical reload
3. Move to kneeling position, fire 2 rounds

4. Conduct tactical reload
5. Move to prone position, fire 2 rounds

VII. POSITIONAL SHOOTING WITH SPEED RELOADS

- A. Live fire shooting from supported standing, kneeling and prone positions
 1. Fire 2 rounds standing supported position
 2. Conduct speed reload
 3. Move to kneeling position, fire 2 rounds
 4. Conduct speed reload
 5. Move to prone position, fire 2 rounds

VIII. SHOOTING FROM COVER

- A. Use of Barricades
 1. Shoot while using cover.
 2. Lateral movement to cover and fire.
 3. Backing to cover and fire.
 4. Forward movement to cover and fire.
 5. Shoot while moving to cover.

IX. TACTICAL MOVEMENT, SHOOTING AND COMMUNICATIONS

A.
Doorway Entry Drill
E, F, G)

(A, B, D,

1. Slicing the pie search technique.
2. Clearing deep pockets during searches.
3. Off hand transitional search.
 - a. Weapon in support side shoulder based on direction of entry.
 - b. Support side shoulder weapon firing.
4. Utilizing both shoot and don't shoot targets.
5. Clear weapons at the end of each drill.

B.
Short Range Bound and Cover (A, B, D, E, F,
G)

1. Use of verbal commands
 - a. "Moving", "Move", "Set", "Loading" and "Ready".
2. Short burst bounding movement.
3. Proper use of cover - conforming to cover.
4. Stress muzzle awareness.

5. Clear weapons at the end of each drill.

C.
Containment and Communications Drill (A, B, D, E,
F, G)

1. Deploy in teams, shooter/spotter.
2. Utilizing binoculars to identify shoot and no-shoot targets.
3. Teams communicate to identify threat targets and their locations.

4. Teams communicate to identify non-threat targets and their locations.
5. Shooter engages only the threat targets that are unique to their drill.
6. Clear weapons at the end of each drill.

X. TEST

A. Bulls-eye Target Test (B, F)

1. Shot from the 50 yard line.
2. Prone position both iron sight and optic
3. Shooters choice - iron sight or optic, standing or kneeling
4. 15 rounds total - 100% hits required to pass
5. Clear weapons at the end of the test.

IX. WEAPONS MAINTENANCE

A. Supervised Gun Cleaning (B, F)

1. Inspect and ensure all weapons are unloaded.
2. Disassembly of weapon.
3. Inspection of internal parts.
4. Thorough cleaning of weapon.
5. Lubrication of weapon.

6. Reassembly of weapon.

7.
Inspection of weapon by
weapons training
instructor.

X. ORIGINATION DATE

Effective date of outline: **01/01/2010**

XI. REVISION DATES