

Desert Hot Springs Police Department (1033)
Firearms ~ Tactical Rifle –32075
Expanded Course Outline

Statement of Purpose:

This course is designed meet the requirements of POST Regulation 1081 and PC 33220(b). The course provides students with the knowledge and skills to effectively and accurately deploy a tactical rifle in the field.

I. Registration and Orientation

- A. Registration/Facilities
 - 1. Rosters
 - 2. Provide location of restrooms, drinking water, etc.
- B. Orientation
 - 1. Overview of range
 - 2. Familiarize students with range locations
- C. Introductions
 - 1. Instructors
 - 2. Students

II. Course Overview and Objectives

- A. Overview
 - 1. Classroom presentation
 - a. Policies and legal review
 - b. Fundamentals and basic firearms review
 - c. Safety review and briefing
 - 2. Range exercises
 - a. What to do in case of injury
 - b. Courses of fire
 - c. Evaluation of students
 - 3. Evaluations and certificates
- B. Equipment
 - 1. Hearing and Eye Protection
 - 2. Duty Belt (Sam Browne or tactical)
 - 3. Elbow and Knee Pads
 - 4. Wet/cold weather gear
 - 5. Comfort Items
- C. Overview of the day
 - 1. Classroom
 - 2. Range
 - 3. Lunch
 - 4. Breaks
- D. Courses of fire
 - 1. Range commands
 - 2. Safety briefings
 - 3. What to do in case of injury

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III. Safety

1081 Required Element (3)

A. Fundamental Safety rules

1. Master grip
2. Muzzle discipline “laser rule”
3. Know your target and its surroundings
4. Know the condition of your firearm

B. Range safety rules

1. Do not go forward of the firing line unless told to do so
2. Do not pick up dropped items until told the line is clear
3. Pay attention
4. When in doubt ask – Don’t act
5. “Safety Circle”
6. “Cease Fire!”
 - a. Stop firing
 - b. Repeat the command
 - c. Sling
 - d. Raise both hands in the air
 - e. Stand by for further directions
7. Do not handle any firearms at the tables or behind the firing while not involved in instruction
8. If you are uncomfortable or unsure about any of the drills, let an instructor know

C. Environment

1. Heat/wind considerations
2. Bees/rattlesnakes
3. Rain

IV. First Aid

A. What to do in case of an injury/emergent medical situation

1. Call a “Cease Fire!”
2. Inform an instructor
3. Perform necessary first aid
4. Notify EMS

B. Go over S.O.P’s in such situations

1. Identify students with EMS/EMT training/background
2. Perform necessary first aid
3. Notify EMS
4. Airlift

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V. Legal Issues (1,2) 1081 Required Element

A. Case Law

1. Graham vs. Connor
2. Tennessee vs. Garner
3. New or recent case law

B. DHSPD Policies

1. Use of reasonable force
2. Factors determining reasonable force
3. The use of deadly force
4. Reporting the use of force
5. Use of Firearms
 - a. Field of Fire
 - b. Warning Shots
 - c. Negligence in the use of firearms
 - d. Students from other agencies must be familiar with their respective policies and procedures as they relate to the patrol rifle.
6. Law Enforcement Mission

VI. Tactical Considerations (6) 1081 Required Element

A. Weapons Transitions

1. Rifle to handgun
2. Handgun to rifle

B. Long Range vs. Close Quarter

1. Advantages of a long gun
2. Accuracy
3. Disadvantages in close quarters

VII. Nomenclature & Maintenance (4,5) 1081 Required Element

A. Long Rifle Semi-Automatic Rifle

1. Nomenclature and maintenance
2. Note locations of safety and bolt release
3. Capabilities

B. General Accessories

1. Fitting the rifle
2. Iron sights versus optics
3. Lights
4. Mag pouches

C. Lubrication

1. Types of lube to use
2. Where and how much to use

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- D. Inspection
 - 1. Signs of wear or parts failure
 - 2. Proper re-assembly
- E. Function checks
 - 1. Check for operation of safeties
 - 2. Check for operation of firearm

VIII. Fundamentals of Shooting

- A. Positions
 - 1. Low Ready
 - 2. Port Arms Position
 - 3. Ready Position
 - a. Body Squared off to target
 - b. Feet separated at least shoulder width apart
 - c. Knees slightly bent
 - d. Body leaning slightly forward at the waist
 - e. Elbows pointing towards ground
 - f. Weapon naturally aligned on target

IX. Manipulation of the Patrol Rifle/Basic Marksmanship

- A. Classroom
 - 1. Load the rifle
 - a. Ensure the rifle is clear and safe
 - i. Visually and physically check the chamber and lock bolt back
 - ii. Insert magazine
 - iii. Always point the rifle in safest direction
 - iv. Release bolt
 - b. Modes of carry
 - i. High
 - ii. Low
 - iii. Low inside ready
 - iv. Range
 - 2. Basic Marksmanship
 - a. Sight alignment
 - i. Zeroing
 - ii. Sight picture
 - iii. Rifle sight
 - b. Flash sighting (snap drill)
 - 3. Stance
 - a. Athletic stance
 - b. Hips and shoulders square
 - c. Strong leg slightly back
 - d. Elbows down (support)
 - e. Four points of contact
 - f. Weight slightly forward

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4. Mounting the rifle
 - a. Have the butt stock in your shoulder
 - b. Roll the gun to your head
 - c. Keep it firmly in your shoulder
5. Deploying the rifle
 - a. Obtain sight picture
 - b. Change selector to fire
 - c. Squeeze trigger
 - d. Scan and assess

X. Low Light Shooting

1081 Required Element

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- A. Physical Considerations
 1. Eyes take time to adjust
 2. Methods to minimize adjustment time
- B. Tactical Lights
 1. Mounting
 2. Test function of light
 3. Cleaning and maintenance
- C. Cover and Concealment
 1. Ensure lighting goes downrange
 2. Caution against backlighting

XI. Tactical Manipulation

- A. Tactical Reloads
 1. Drop magazine (mag)
 2. Stow mag on person
 3. Insert fresh mag
 4. Reacquire sight picture
- B. Combat Reloads
 1. Bolt locks back
 2. Insert fresh mag
 3. Press bolt release
 4. Reacquire sight picture
 5. Assess while reloading
 6. Consider tactical reload if feasible
- C. Multiple shots
 1. Build speed
 2. Shoot/No shoot
 3. Hammer fire (Semi's)
- D. Multiple Threats
 1. Shoot/no shoots
 2. Verbalization

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XII. Failure Drills

- A. Transitions
 - 1. Without a sling
 - 2. With the sling
- B. Clearing the rifle of a failure
 - 1. Various drills demonstrated
- C. Drug and Armor drills
 - 1. Alternate targeting areas
 - 2. Proximity

XIII. Ballistics

- A. Internal
 - 1. Effects inside the gun
- B. External
 - 1. During flight of the projectile
- C. Terminal
 - 1. Effects of the projectile on what it impacts

XIV. Movement with the Patrol Rifle

1081 Required Element

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- A. "Pieing"
 - 1. Give little – take a lot
 - 2. Slow is smooth, smooth is fast
 - 3. Clear sights do not equal a clear muzzle
 - 4. Give yourself some distance
 - 5. Give yourself enough time to process what you are seeing
- B. From cover to cover
 - 1. Have a plan
 - 2. Know where you are going to
 - 3. Make sure your firearm is operational
 - 4. Do not move faster than you can shoot **ACCURATELY**
 - 5. Slow is smooth, smooth is fast
- C. Moving "offline"
 - 1. When you have to use lethal force you should be moving "off the line" of your attacker
 - 2. Can move out of direct line and reassess/reacquire threat
 - 3. Suspect has to take time to reacquire target
- D. Laterally and diagonally v. forward and back
 - 1. Lateral/Diagonal movements
 - 2. Forward and backward movement
- E. Movement while shooting
 - 1. Posting
 - 2. Continuing to move

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XV. Working with a partner

A. Making entry

1. Communication is important
2. Muzzle discipline

B. Basic room clearing

1. Discuss prior to making approach

XVI. Qualification

1081 Required Element

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- A. Demonstrate on the range, the ability to perform the skills learned during the developmental portion of the course by completing the course of fire determined by range master.

XVII. Debrief/Practical Activities/Certificates

