

9. Use of Force Considerations (options)

Course Objectives:

The officer will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Turlock Police Use of Force / Firearms Policy.
2. Identify the tactical analysis key points related to tactical firearms as reported in the POST Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Studies (1994 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. "Shoot" / "Don't Shoot" Target Identification
 - F. Speed, Accuracy, and Effectiveness under stress and judgmental shooting conditions.
 - G. Shot Placement; Stopping Power – Multiple round hits on target.

Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by the instructor(s) observing the officer during their performance of each technique, exercise, and course of fire. If the officer does not meet minimum standards, as established by the Firearms Training Unit (TRU) Staff, remediation will be provided until the standard is met.

- I. **INTRODUCTION / ORIENTATION** (1-C)
 - A. FTU Introduction
 - B. Course objectives / Goal / Overview of Course of Fire / Evaluation/ Testing (100% hits on "shoot" targets, no hits on "no shoot" targets)
 - C. Weapons Inspection and Review of the Four Basic Range Safety Rules.

1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded all the time.
2. Never let the muzzle cross anything you are not willing to destroy.
3. Keep your finger OFF the trigger until your sights are aligned on the target / threat, AND you have made a decision to fire.
4. Beware of your Backstop, Between, and Beyond.

II. LETHAL FORCE OVERVIEW (1-J, 1-H)

- A. Legal / Moral / Ethical / Issues involving Use of Deadly Force
- B. Civil Implications of Use of Deadly Force
- C. AB 392
- D. SB230
- E. Revisions to PC 835a

III. USE OF FORCE / DEADLY FORCE AND FIREARMS POLICY (1-I,1-H)

- A. Use of Force Options (1-I)
 1. Deadly Force within the spectrum of force options
 2. Presence, verbal, non-deadly, force options, less lethal control devices, deadly force
 3. Escalation and De-escalation Process.
- B. Department Policy (1-H)
 1. Reasonable cause to believe
 2. Imminent Threat
 3. Death or GBI
 4. Fleeing Violent Felon Specifications
 5. Shooting at or from Vehicles

C. Supporting Case Law (1-H)

1. Tennessee vs. Garner
 - a. Deadly Force
 - b. Fleeing Felon
2. Graham vs. Conner
 - a. Reasonable Force

IV. **POST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED / ASSAULTED (LEOKA) STUDIES** (1-H)

- A. 1995 to 2019 Reports
- B. Vital Statistics from LEOKA Reports
- C. Conclusive Tactical Analysis
 1. Low Light Conditions
 2. 5 –10 feet
 3. 2 Rounds
 4. 2 Seconds
 5. Officer Accuracy: less than 10 –20%
 6. Use of Cover
 7. Summary – Overview

V. **FUNDAMENTALS OF SHOOTING** (1-D)

- A. Stance
 1. Weaver
 2. Isosceles
- B. Master Grip

1. Two Hands, full wrap around
2. Isometric Pressure

C. Sight Picture

1. Sight Alignment
2. Front Sight

D. Trigger Control

1. Smooth Press
2. Proper finger placement on trigger
3. Sear Re-set

E. Breathing

1. Respiratory Pause
2. Holding Breath
3. Deep Breath, Partial Release, Hold, Press Trigger

F. Recovery / Recoil Control

1. Two shots, three sight pictures
2. Scan left and right, 5 & 7 O'clock rearward check
3. R&R; Re-holster...Reluctantly
4. Smooth and Quick Draw Stroke, Slow Back In

VI. **FIVE COUNT DRAW STROKE** (1-E)

A. COUNT ONE

1. Master Grip, Support Hand to Belt Line, Snaps off, Eyes on Threat

B. COUNT TWO

1. Clear holster, muzzle still pointed down at holster.

C. COUNT THREE

1. Rotate Muzzle Towards Threat (First Fighting Position)
2. Finger Still Off Trigger Unless Firing From This Position

D. COUNT FOUR

1. Support Hand Joins Up With Primary Gun Hand as Gun is Pushed Forward Towards Threat / Target
2. Full Wrap Around Grip with Isometric Pressure (Push-Pull)
3. Begin Straight Out Push of Weapon Towards Threat while Bringing Gun Up to Eye Level

E. COUNT FIVE

1. Gun comes to Eye Level
2. Eye Picks Up Front Sight
3. Finger Goes to Trigger IF Decision to Fire Has Been Made.
4. Press Shot Smoothly
5. Re-set Sear
6. Ready additional Shots If Necessary

F. TARGET RECOGNITION AND ANALYSIS

1. Did I Hit?
2. Did it Work?
3. Follow Threat to Ground
4. Assess the Threat. Still a Threat?
5. Perform Scans for Additional Threats (Multiple Adversaries)
6. De-Cock to Double Action if Pistol Type Requires It.
7. Tactical Reload Should Be Considered

G. RE-HOLSTERING

1. Only After Proper Scans
2. Only if Sure the Fight is Over
3. R&R; Re-holster...Reluctantly
4. Reverse the 5 Count Draw Stroke

H. SHOTGUN REVIEW

1. Inspection of weapon
2. Cruiser ready carry condition
3. Combat ready carry condition
4. Combat loading
5. Sustain loading
6. Transitioning to another weapon

VII. **MALFUNCTION CLEARANCES (1-F)**

A. STAGE 1: FAILURE TO FIRE

1. Tap Bottom of Magazine With Support Side Hand
2. Rack The Slide Using Full Five Finger Grip Over Top Of Slide And Pulling Back On Slide While Pushing Forward With Primary Gun Hand.
3. Simultaneously Rolling Gun To Ejection Port Side To Let Gravity Assist In Clearing The Round Out Of The Chamber
4. Assess The Threat

B. STAGE 2: FAILURE TO EJECT (STOVEPIPE ROUND)

1. Follow The Same Steps As A Stage 1 Malfunction While Insuring The Stovepipe Round Clears the Ejection Port.
2. Assess The Threat

C. STAGE 3: FAILURE TO EXTRACT (DOUBLE FEED ROUND)

1. Follow the Same Steps as a Stage 1 Malfunction to Insure It Won't Clear.
2. Identify The Double Feed Problem Through The Ejection Port
3. Lock The Slide To The Rear.
4. Strip The Magazine Out
5. Grab The Slide With The Full Five Finger Grip And Hold Onto The Slide While You Rack It 3 to 4 Times To Clear The Stuck Round.
6. Acquire A Fresh Magazine
7. Insert The New Magazine And Tap, Rack, Roll.
8. Assess The Threat, Engage If Necessary

VIII. COURSE OF FIRE #1 TPD QUALIFICATION COURSE (1-B, 1-G)

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IX. COURSE OF FIRE #2 TPD SHOTGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE.

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X. COURSE OF FIRE #3 ROOM ENTRY WITH PARTNER SHOOT/DON'T SHOOT (1-6)

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XI. WEAPONS CLEARED, CLEANED IF TIME PERMITS, EVALUATIONS