EL CENTRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
EIGHT HOUR TACTICAL HANDGUN AND SHOTGUN COURSE
Course Control #3620-32165-19
Expanded Course Outline
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Purpose

Through demonstration and manipulation drills the officer will learn how to draw their weapon, clear malfunctions, and reload the pistol and shotgun. Officers will then fire their weapons from various distances and positions and progress to movement shooting and transitions.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Safety Briefing

1 Introduction, registration, and orientation

2 Course Objectives and exercises

3 Four firearm safety rules
   i. Treat every weapon as if it were loaded
   ii. Never point the weapon at anything you don’t want to shoot
   iii. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire
   iv. Be sure of the intended targets background

4 Range safety rules

5 Emergency evacuation plan

B. Legal issues and obligations

1 Policy (ECPD policies 300.1, 300.3, 302.1, & 304.1)
   i. Use of force
   ii. Deadly Force
   iii. Shooting policy
2 Use of force considerations/options
   i. Verbal, physical, less-lethal, and lethal force
   ii. Where lethal force falls within force options
   iii. Escalation and de-escalation of force

3 Moral obligations

4 Civil issues with the use of force options

5 Case law
   i. Tennessee vs. Garner
   ii. Graham vs. Conner

II. HANDGUN MANIPULATIONS AND SHOOTING FUNDAMENTALS  I (d,f)

A. Handgun manipulations

1 Loading and Unloading
   i. Chamber check
   ii. Unloading/clearing weapon of ammunition/making safe

2 Staging the magazine
   i. Proper finger grip

3 Reloading techniques
   i. Tactical
   ii. Combat
   iii. Administrative

4. Malfunctions
   i. Class one malfunction (misfire / failure to feed)
   ii. Class three malfunction (feedway stoppage)
   iii. Operator error
   iv. Weapon malfunction clearing
a. Tap, rack, bang
b. Remove magazine, rack slide, insert new magazine

B. Shooting Fundamentals

1. Stance
   i. Strong, balanced stance

2. Grip
   i. Effective two-handed grip

3. Sight Picture
   i. Sight alignment
   ii. Focus on front sight tip

4. Trigger Control
   i. Smooth, steady pressure straight back

5. Breathing
   i. Controlled breathing

III. LIVE FIRE TRAINING
   Redacted

IV. SHOOTING ON THE MOVE
   Redacted

V. SHOOTING FROM BEHIND COVER
   Redacted

VI. SHOTGUN INTRODUCTION
   A. Nomenclature
      1. Barrel
         i. Muzzle
         ii. Sights (front and rear sights)
2 Receiver
   i. Loading port
   ii. Ejection port
   iii. Ejector
   iv. Extractor
   v. Bolt
   vi. Firing pin
   vii. Safety
   viii. Trigger guard
   ix. Trigger

3 Stock
   i. Comb
   ii. Pistol grip
   iii. Toe
   iv. Heel
   v. Recoil Pad

VII. AUTHORIZED AMMUNITION (ECPD Policy 312.2.4)
A. Duty Ammunition
   1 00 Buck
      i. Winchester Ranger low recoil 9 pellet 00 buck
   2 Slug
i. Winchester Ranger low recoil slug

B. Practice Ammunition
   1. 00 Buck
   2. Slug

VIII. SHOTGUN MANIPULATIONS
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IX. LIVE FIRE TRAINING
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*Testing: Any student scoring below standard on any exercise, as established by the presenter, will be remediated and tested until standard is achieved.*

X. RANGE CLEAN UP AND COURSE DEBRIEF
   A. Range clean up
      1. Weapon inspection and maintenance
      2. Ammunition inventory
   B. Safety and medical debrief
   C. Student (officer) and instructor questions
   D. Comments
      1. Course comments
      2. Instructor comments
      3. Course conclusion