

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDER

DATE/TIME: JANUARY 16, 2026 1245 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 26-03
SUBJECT: MANDATORY DEPARTMENT RIFLE QUALIFICATION SHOOT
SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: 1.05 & 1.41

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The yearly San Diego Police Department Rifle Qualification Shoot will begin on **(Deleted – records of security)**. This Qualification shoot is for **Department-issued AR-15 rifles only**.

All firearms training and qualification shoots will be conducted at **(Deleted – records of security)**. The general hours of operation will be:

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All sworn personnel issued and authorized to carry **Department-issued** rifles on duty are required to attend and qualify. Dates available for the qualification shoot will be posted on the Department's Success Factors training site, entitled "***Department Rifle Qualification Shoot-2026***." Immediate supervisors will ensure applicable personnel are scheduled and track their attendance.

All personnel must achieve a passing score of 170 out of a possible 200 points. Those who do not achieve a passing score on their first attempt will immediately re-test. Personnel will have two chances to pass the qualification shoot. Those who fail both attempts will have their rifle privileges revoked and must attend a Rifle Refresher Course to be reinstated. (See DP 1.41.)

Those personnel who shoot a 195 out of 200 on their first attempt, with no rounds in the "D" zone or a complete miss, will achieve the status of "Rifle Expert," and will be authorized to wear the Rifle Expert pin upon their uniform.

All personnel will receive new Department-approved duty ammunition upon completion of the rifle qualification.

Personnel must arrive fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled training time of the shoot for inspection of ammunition, a weapon inspection for authorized accessories, and any necessary adjustments. Supervisors and officers working patrol and other uniformed assignments must wear their full duty equipment. **Your Department-issued rifle, duty handgun, and a minimum of two rifle magazines and one handgun magazine are required for the shoot.** Supervisors and officers working investigations and non-uniformed assignments are expected to shoot with the handgun holster that is worn for everyday use.

All rifles must be secured in a hard case or tactical rifle bag as they enter the store. All sworn personnel will wear visible credentials when entering the building. Motor Officers in full uniform may enter the building with rifles slung, magazine removed from the magazine well, and bolt locked to the rear.

All personnel must supply their own eye protection. Sunglasses are not to be used in indoors at **(Deleted – records of security)**.

Upon arrival, all personnel must wait in the parking lot for Range Staff to escort them inside the building. Personnel who arrive late may be turned away and instructed to re-schedule their qualification shoot.

NO ONE WILL HANDLE ANY FIREARMS UNLESS INSTRUCTED BY RANGE STAFF ON THE FIRING LINE. LOADING AND UNLOADING FIREARMS IN THE PARKING LOT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. ALL LOADING AND UNLOADING WILL BE DONE ON THE FIRING LINE UNDER INSTRUCTION.

Personnel not in compliance with the above instructions, including unauthorized modifications to holsters, weapons and accessories, will be required to correct equipment deficiencies and re-schedule the shoot at a later date.

If there are any questions regarding this qualification shoot, please contact Sergeant **(Redacted – record exempt)**, or contact the Firearms Training Unit at **(Redacted – record exempt)**.

Please read at squad conferences and give a copy to all personnel.