

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDER

DATE/TIME: FEBRUARY 09, 2026 1315 HOURS
NUMBER: OR 26-05
SUBJECT: MANDATORY PERSONAL 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 Personal Rifle Qualification Shoot will **begin on (Deleted – records of security)**. This Qualification shoot is for **personally owned AR-15 rifles only**. **Due to limited range availability, there are only (Redacted – record exempt) optional days to complete this shoot.**

All personally owned rifle qualification shoots will be conducted at the **(Deleted – records of security)**. Qualification shoots will **only** be offered during the following:

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Failure to attend one of these qualification sessions will result in revoked rifle privileges.

All sworn personnel authorized to carry personally owned rifles on duty are required to attend and qualify. The above dates available for the qualification shoot will be posted on the Department's Success Factors training site, entitled ***"Personal 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 re-instated. (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. **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 holster that is worn for everyday use.

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.