

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ORDER

DATE/TIME: SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

NUMBER: OR 21-23

SUBJECT: ANNUAL AR-15 RIFLE QUALIFICATION

COST CENTER: 1914161112

SCOPE: ALL MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT PROCEDURE AFFECTED: 1.05, 1.41

Annual qualification for AR-15 rifles will begin September 20, 2021 and will conclude January 7, 2022. Supervisors and officers approved to carry AR-15 rifles are required to successfully pass the annual qualification during this period. Current SWAT officers are exempt from this yearly qualification. Dates available for this shoot will be posted on Success Factors titled “*Firearms Rifle Qualification Shoot.*” Immediate supervisors will ensure their personnel are scheduled and track their attendance.

Department members must arrive fifteen minutes prior to their scheduled shoot time for a rifle inspection and any necessary repairs. Personnel who arrive late may be turned away and directed to reschedule the training.

The rifle qualification shoot will consist of a 40-round scored course of fire. Sworn personnel must achieve a minimum passing score of 170 out of 200. The shoot will consist of skill tests involving rifle manipulation, transition drills, and standing timed shots from the 5 to the 50-yard line. The Firearm Proficiency Award Program will be in effect during this shoot. Shooters must score 195 or more points in the “A” and “C” zones only with all rounds, from the rifle and handgun, hitting the scoring area in their first attempt at the shoot to qualify for the award. Officers need to qualify annually for this award to wear the Rifle Expert pin.

Only personnel who have completed both mandatory rifle training shoots this year are eligible to qualify unless you were previously excused for medical or military leave. Department members who fail to attend the rifle qualification will have their privilege to carry a patrol rifle revoked.

Personnel who have a city-issued or personal rifle found not to be in a condition of “operational readiness” due to neglect, will be directed to correct any equipment deficiencies and re-schedule the qualification shoot at a later date. City-issued rifles may be retained by Range Staff until the officer attends a two-hour Rifle Refresher class.

Sworn officers must bring their handgun with three pistol magazines and their Department-approved rifle with at **least three magazines, loaded with duty ammunition**. The Firearms Training Unit will provide training ammunition for the handguns and replace expended duty rifle ammunition.

Supervisors and officers working patrol and other uniformed assignments must wear their full duty equipment. Supervisors and officers working investigations and non-uniformed assignments are expected to shoot with the holster that is worn in everyday use; non-uniformed assignments may NOT use patrol style leather gear. **Blackhawk “Serpa”, shoulder holsters and cross-draw type holsters are not authorized. Additional equipment such as tourniquets, etc., shall not be attached to duty holsters.** Tactical “drop down” holsters /thigh rigs will not be used unless that equipment is worn in the normal course of their duties and authorized by their unit policy.

Personnel not in compliance with the above directions will be required to correct equipment deficiencies and re-schedule the qualification shoot at a later date.

Due to ongoing construction, completion of the 2021-2022 AOT cycle and several holidays during this shift, it is recommended for all personnel to complete the rifle qualification shoot as early in the shift as possible.

For questions regarding this qualification, please contact the Rangemaster, Sergeant Chris Sarot at (619) 527-6080, or csarot@pd.sandiego.gov.

Please read at squad conferences and post.