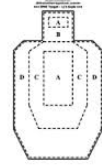


**TACTICAL SHOOT – DEADLY FORCE REVIEW  
EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE  
ROT 2017-2018**



*San Diego Regional Public Safety Training Institute  
San Diego Police Department Regional Officer Training (Firearms)*

**FOREWORD**

Officers must have the versatility, determination and skills to deal with any situation, at any level of intensity in any law enforcement operation. It is not enough to simply provide officers with the best available firearms. We, as trainers, must ensure our training prepares each officer to engage a lethal threat when necessary, usually under the most adverse conditions, without hesitancy or fear. Officers must be skilled in marksmanship, critical thinking, tactics and movement.

Each of us as trainers uses different styles and/or verbiage while teaching the same technique.

- I. Minimum Topics**
  - a. Gun-handling skills/Marksmanship**
  - b. Critical Thinking/Mental preparation**
  - c. Tactics**
  - d. Movement**
  - e. Low-light and no light shooting**
  - f. Flashlight/gun-mounted light shooting**
  - g. Firearms safety**
  
- 1. Introduction to Regional Officers Training (A.O.T.) Firearms Class
  - a. Instructor introduction.
  - b. Overview of schedule.
  - c. Student expectations and required equipment.
    - I. Personal protective equipment, eye protection, body armor, hat, sunscreen (as required).
    - II. Handgun, magazines/speed loaders (three minimum), gun belt, holster, magazine/speed loader pouches.
    - III. Gun-mounted lights and/or handheld lights
  - d. Ammunition requirements
    - I. 300 rounds of handgun ammunition per shooter.
  - e. Range safety guidelines review.

**SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY. THINK SAFETY-PRACTICE SAFETY! I (g)**

Rules of conduct and behavior are established to reduce the potential risk of harm.

**The four ‘fundamental’ safety rules:**

- 1. TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED**

2. **ALWAYS KEEP THE FIREARM POINTED IN THE SAFEST DIRECTION POSSIBLE**
3. **ALWAYS KEEP FINGERS OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO FIRE THE FIREARM**
4. **BE SURE OF THE TARGET AND WHAT IS IN FRONT OF AND BEYOND IT BEFORE FIRING THE FIREARM**

***SDPD “FINGER ON THE TRIGGER” POLICY:***

**“IT SHALL BE PROPER FOR AN OFFICER TO HAVE THEIR FINGER ON THE TRIGGER OF THEIR FIREARM WHEN THEY HAVE MADE “THE CONSCIOUS DECISION THAT, BASED ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES PRESENT, DISCHARGING THEIR FIREARM MAY BE INEVITABLE”.**

**AND, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE THREAT ENGAGEMENT THE OFFICER WILL “RESET THE SIGHTS ON THE THREAT AREA AND MANTAIN THE FINGER ON THE TRIGGER FOR A MINUMUM 3-5 SECONDS POST FIRING ASSESSMENT.”**

**General rules:**

***ALWAYS KNOW THE DIRECTION THE MUZZLE IS POINTING!***

1. Listen to and follow instructions – ask for and or seek ‘*clarity*’ if required
  2. Correct ALL unsafe actions, yours and others
  3. Load and fire only upon command of the instructors
  4. Remain holstered when not engaged in a firing exercise.
  5. Do not remove a holstered weapon with personnel down range.
  6. No eating or smoking on the firing line.
  7. LONG GUNS: Use carry strap or gun racks.
  8. Body armor, hearing and eye protection is required during all live fire evolutions.
  9. Lead: Health Hazard
    - a. Wash hands before eating, drinking, or smoking.
    - b. Do not collect brass in ball caps (head wear).
- f) Review emergency procedures in the event of injury or medical assistance.
- I. In the event of a **minor injury**, immediately notify range staff for appropriate first aid treatment, complete minor injury report. The officer will route the report through their normal chain-of-command.
  - II. In the event of a **serious injury**, all range operations will cease. Range staff facilitating the scenario where the accident occurred will immediately activate EMS as required, render appropriate first aid as required until EMS responders arrive, notify the SDPD Range Master or designated representative (in his absence), complete an Industrial Injury Package, and notify the officer’s command.
2. Tactical Firearm Scenarios (Range live-fire). Firearms safety will be strictly adhered to, with an in depth safety brief given prior to any scenario work.

This four hour training block of instruction will consist of five training drills, which will be run on three ranges, all running their respective drills concurrently. The courses are designed to train the officer in safe handgun manipulation skills, marksmanship, shooting while moving skills, use of flashlights (including weapons mounted lights and handheld lights) and target identification in low light. Skills will include the development of:

**Critical thinking**  
**Gun fighting**  
**Gun-handling**  
**Marksmanship**  
**Tactics**  
**Flashlight Techniques**  
**Mental preparation**  
**Firearms safety**

Scenario descriptions, objectives and detailed outlines are in attachment A of this outline.

3. Course conclusion:
  - a. Review of daily events.
  - b. Group discussion, questions and answers.
  - c. Break students from the range.

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