

## TACTICAL FIREARMS –PSP (4 HOUR)

The course will provide the trainee with the minimum topics of tactical firearms and lethal force required in the POST Perishable Skills Training Program (PSP) The trainee will develop the necessary firearms tactical knowledge and skills to survive and win a realistic lethal force encounter.

### Hourly Distribution

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30 minutes	Introduction, Orientation, Review of Safety Plan
60 minutes	Use of Force/Lethal Force Overview, Policy, Case Law
50 minutes	Fundamentals of Shooting, Malfunctions
70 minutes	Live Fire and Evaluation/Remediation
30 minutes	Maintenance

Minimum Topics:

- a) Basic Firearms situations, judgement, and decision making exercises
- b) Class exercises/student evaluation/testing
- c) Safety policy/orientation
- d) Sight alignment, trigger control, accuracy
- e) Target recognition and analysis
- f) Weapons clearing
- g) Live fire tactical
- h) Policy/legal issues
- i) Use of force considerations
- j) Moral obligations

- I. INTRODUCTION / ORIENTATION / SAFETY POLICY I (c)
  - A. Introduction / Welcome
    - 1. Registration / sign-in, Orientation to training location
    - 2. AED, First-Aid, Safety Plan
  - B. REVIEW OF FIREARM SAFETY, RANGE RULES I (c)
    - 1. All weapons are to be considered loaded at all times
    - 2. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to shoot
    - 3. Keep finger off trigger until ready to shoot
    - 4. Be sure of your target and its' background
  
- II. USE OF FORCE / LETHAL FORCE I (b, h, i, j)
  - A. Department Policy I (h)
    - 1. Reasonable cause to believe;
    - 2. Imminent threat;
    - 3. Death or GBI;
    - 4. Fleeing Violent Felon Specifications;
    - 5. Use of Force Considerations
  - B. Supporting Case Law I (h, i)
    - 1. Graham v. Connor
      - a) *Reasonable Force / Reasonable Officer Standard*
    - 2. Tennessee v. Garner
      - a) *Deadly Force / Fleeing Felon*
  - C. Moral / Ethical Considerations I (j)
    - 1. "Reasonable and Necessary" vs Excessive
    - 2. Sources of Civil Litigation
  
- III. FUNDAMENTALS OF SHOOTING I (d, f)
  - A. Marksmanship and Weapon Manipulation
    - 1. Five Count Pistol Presentation
      - a) *Grip: two-hand vs one-hand, isometric pressure*
      - b) *Stance: Isosceles stance, balanced position*
      - c) *Trigger Press: Press vs pull, even, steady pressure to the rear*
      - d) *Sight Picture/Sight Alignment: focus on front sight tip*
      - e) *Breathing: Controlled, respiratory pause*
    - 2. Combat Reload
      - a) *5 count*

3. Tactical Reload
4. Off-hand Draw
5. Close Quarters Battle (CQB)
  - a) *Retention Position*
6. Shooting on the Move
  - a) *Create stable shooting platform through proper body mechanics, bent knees, small, quick steps*

B. Weapon Malfunctions I (a, f)

1. Any student experiencing a weapon malfunction during any course of fire is expected to fix the problem and continue the course of fire. If the student can correct the malfunction and continue the course he/she will be given credit for the course of fire.
  - a) *Failure to Feed: magazine not seated, damaged feed ramp, bent casing*
  - b) *Failure to Fire: no round in chamber, bad primer, broken firing pin*
  - c) *Failure to Extract: broken/dirty extractor, damaged casing (double-feed)*
  - d) *Failure to Eject: worn recoil spring, damaged ejector, improper grip (stovepipe)*

IV. LIVE FIRE COURSES / EVALUATION / ACCURACY STD I (a, b, e, g)

A. Any student who fails any course of fire will receive instruction and remediation for only the course of fire which was failed. Any failed course will be shot again by the student upon completion of the final course of fire.

B. Live Fire course consists of 45 rounds. All 45 rounds must hit target. 80% of rounds (36/45) must hit in Combat Effective Zone (upper torso/head as defined by "C" zone, bisected by bottom edge of "A" zone, IPSC/USPSA cardboard target).

1. Static Shooting, 15 yard line, one target
  - a) *2rds standing, 2rds kneeling, behind cover (body)*
2. Static Shooting, 10 yard line, one target
  - a) *2rds, reload, 2rds (body)*
3. Shooting on the move, 15 yard line to 7 yard line, one target
  - a) *2rds, reload, 2rds (body)*
4. Shooting on the move, 15 yard line to 3 yard line, one target
  - a) *2rds (body), 1rds (head) Moving Failure Drill*
5. Static Shooting, 7 yard line, one target
  - a) *2rds, strong hand draw, strong hand shooting only (body)*
6. Static Shooting, 7 yard line, one target
  - a) *2rds, strong hand draw, off-hand shooting only (body). Holster with strong hand*

7. Static Shooting, arms-length from target (CQB), one target
  - a) *2rds from "retention" (body)*
8. Static Shooting, 10 yard line, two targets
  - a) *2rds target one (body), reload, 2rds target two (body)*
9. Shooting on the move, 15 yard line to 7 yard line, two targets
  - a) *2rds target one (body), reload, 2rds target two (body)*
10. Shooting on the move, 15 yard line to 3 yard line, two targets (Moving Box Drill)
  - a) *2rds target one (body), 2rds target two (body), reload, 1rds target two (head), 1rds target one (head)*
11. Shooting on the move, 10 yard line to 3 yard line, two targets (Moving Double-Double)
  - a) *2rds target one (body), 2rds target two (body), reload, 2rds target two (body), 2rds target one (body)*
12. Static Shooting, 7 yard line, two targets
  - a) *1rds target one (head), 1rds target two (head)*

## V. WEAPONS MAINTENANCE

I (b, f)

- A. Per department policy, all students shall properly clean and lubricate their weapons prior to departing the training area.
  1. Field strip to user-level only.
    - a) *Department Armorer(s) will be on site to address any mechanical weapons issue.*
  2. All cleaning and lubrication equipment shall be provided by the department.