

**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
P.O.S.T. PERISHABLE SKILLS PROGRAM (PSP)**

**I - TACTICAL FIREARMS
(03/09/09 -06/19/09)**

COURSE GOAL:

The course will provide the Officer with the minimum topics of tactical firearms and lethal force required in the P.O.S.T. Perishable Skills Training Program (PSP). The Officer will develop the necessary firearms tactical knowledge and skills to survive and win a realistic lethal force encounter. The course consists of a hands-on/practical skills firearms training for in-service officers.

TACTICAL FIREARMS

Minimum Topics/Exercises:

1. Basic Tactical Firearms Situations, Judgment and Decision Making Exercise(s) - expanded outline must define each exercise and its terminal objective(s)
2. Class Exercises/Student Evaluation/Testing
3. Safety guidelines/orientation
4. Sight Alignment, Trigger Control, Accuracy
5. Target recognition and analysis
6. Weapons Clearing
7. Live Fire Tactical
8. Policy and/or legal issues
9. Use of Force considerations (options)
10. Moral obligations

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of their individual Department Use Of Force/Firearms Policy.
2. Demonstrate a minimum standard of tactical handgun proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course-of-fire, to include:
 - A. Judgment and Decision Making
 - B. Weapons Safety
 - C. Basic Presentation Technique
 - D. Fundamentals of Shooting
 - E. Target/Non-Target Identification
 - F. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions
 - G. Shot Placement: Stopping Power, Multiple rounds

Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the trainee during their performance of each technique, exercise and course-of-fire. If

the trainee does not meet minimum standards, as established by the presenter, remediation will be provided until the standard is met.

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE

- I. INTRODUCTION/ORIENTATION
 - A. Introduction, Registration and Orientation
 - B. Course Objectives/Overview, Exercises, Evaluation/Testing
 - C. Weapons Safety Orientation, Review of Range and Shooting Safety Rules **I(c)**
(Pre-range weapons unloading procedures and reload/unload rules)
 - 1. All Weapons are to be considered loaded
 - 2. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to shoot at
 - 3. Keep finger off trigger until you are ready to fire
 - 4. Be sure of your target and background
 - 5. Range and Tactical Safety
 - a. Follow Range Rules
 - b. Follow Instructor commands
 - c. Strict Weapon Discipline and Muzzle Control

- II. LETHAL FORCE OVERVIEW **I(h,i,j)**
 - A. Legal/Moral/Ethical Issues involving negligent discharges
 - B. Civil Implications of negligent discharges

- III. USE OF FORCE/LETHAL FORCE AND FIREARMS POLICY **I(h,i)**
 - A. Use of Force Options
 - 1. Negligence in the use of firearms
 - B. Department Policy
 - 1. Negligent discharges

- IV. FUNDAMENTALS OF SHOOTING **I(d)**
 - A. Stance
 - 1. Strong, Balanced Ready Position
 - 2. Isosceles or Weaver
 - B. Grip
 - 1. Strong, Effective two-handed grip
 - 2. Isometric Pressure
 - C. Sight Picture
 - 1. Sight Alignment
 - 2. Eye Focus - Front Sight Tip
 - D. Trigger Control
 - 1. Press.....
 - 2. Straight back, steady pressure

V. TARGET RECOGNITION AND ANALYSIS

- A. Target Recognition and Analysis **I(e)**
 - 1. Assess the threat
 - 2. Did I hit?
 - 3. Did it Work?
 - 4. Tactical Reloading
- B. Re-holstering
 - 1. Only when the tactical situation warrants

VI. DRILLS AND COURSES-OF-FIRE **I(a,b,c,d,e,f,g)**

- A. Range Orientation and Safety Briefing (Second range safety, and command sequence) **I(c)**
- B. All Courses emphasize:
 - 1. Weapons Safety
 - 2. Muzzle and Fire Discipline
 - 3. Fundamentals of Shooting
- C. Combat Reload Exercise/Weapons Clearing **I(f)**
 - 1. Tactically reloading (Bringing handgun back up to full capacity)
 - 2. When shooting has stopped
 - 3. Move to Cover
 - 4. Proper grip of fresh magazine
 - 5. Strip and replace in-gun magazine
- D. Weapon Malfunction
 - 1. Officers will clear their own malfunctions during the live fire training.
- E. Failure to incapacitate suspect (threat targets) Drills **I(e)(g)**
 - 1. The lethal
 - a. Target the brain, turn off the neurological switch or hits to the thoracic cavity
 - 2. Shot Placement in the head or thoracic cavity

Testing: Any student scoring below standard on any exercise, as established by the presenter, will be remediated, tested until standard is achieved. **I (b)**