

San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
Advanced Mounted Patrol
Outline

Day One

I. Welcome Students

A. Introductions & Housekeeping

1. Self-introduction of students
2. Introduction of mounted team members
3. Introduce instructors
4. Horse stables
5. Restrooms
6. First Aid
7. Snacks & water
8. Weather expectations

B. **Course Objectives**

1. To provide a better understanding of equine's ability and limitations under advanced and extreme stressful situations
2. To demonstrate different mounted patrol techniques while under advanced simulated conditions
3. Introduce students to extreme distractions similar to law enforcement conditions with expectations of the mount and officer to remain calm under extreme conditions
4. To develop the students ability to ride under simulated advanced law enforcement conditions
5. To list safety rules for both the officer and their mount while dealing with extreme simulated distractions

C. **Couse overview**

1. Equestrian Safety Guidelines
2. Safety Policy reviewed
3. Divide class into three training groups
4. Course manual handed out and the hourly distribution schedule discussed
5. All Psychomotor activities will be demonstrated by the instructors.

II. Basic Horsemanship – Arena

A. Preparation for training

1. Tack up horse, (Student will put saddle and bridle on their horse) lead horse to arena gate
2. Instructional staff will inspect tack and mounts to ensure safety guidelines are met

B. Stretches and warm-up period for both rider and horse

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1. Walk horse around arena
2. Trot horse around the arena

ACTIVITY #1 – Arena evaluation of horse & rider. Instructor will demonstrate skills that Students will be expected to complete, showing the ability to calmly perform the below listed maneuvers with their department certified horse

1. Walk the horse in a straight line for 25 yards
2. Trot the horse in a straight line for 25 yards
3. Canter the horse in a straight line for 25 yards
4. Complete a figure 8 maneuver in approximately 25 yards at the trot

III. Mounted Formations – Classroom

- A. Formation Review
 1. Classroom review
 - a. Formation riding
- B. Types of Maneuvers discussion
 1. Serpentine maneuvers
 2. Calvary drill
 3. Flare pattern

ACTIVITY #2 – Arena - Formation riding is defined as the ability to calmly ride in a column of twos or fours while making turning movements to both the right and left with a group of horses – students will demonstrate the ability to calmly perform the below maneuvers with their department certified horse:

1. Mounted riding exercise / serpentine maneuvers
2. Calvary drill – Horse and rider will walk in a circle while instructor fires a blank handgun from the center of the circle
3. Flare pattern – Horse and rider will maneuver through a lighted flare pattern
4. Cool down – Formation riding utilized to calm the horse down

IV. Day One Review

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- V. Force Options – Classroom review - Arena for practical's**
- A. Utilizing the horse as a force option – Demonstrated by Instructor
 - 1. The horse will apply varying degrees of pressure to both fixed and non-fixed object
 - 2. The horse will simulate directing crowd movement
 - B. Use of Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) from horseback
 - 1. Ability to deploy O.C. from horseback
 - 2. Ability to deploy O.C. calmly while doing the maneuvers
 - 3. Horse and rider will be exposed to O.C.
 - C. Use of Horse Baton
 - 1. Perform basic horse baton strikes from the ground, while standing on the ground
 - 2. Perform basic horse baton strikes from the while mounted
 - D. Use of firearm from horseback
 - 1. Policy review for the use of firearm from horseback
 - 2. The student will deploy a simulated handgun (Paintball-gun) while mounted
 - 3. Horse and rider will be exposed to firecrackers and low level fireworks

ACTIVITY #3 Arena – Group Introduction and arena practice to the Sensory Course

The students will be separated into three groups:

Group 1 – Will sensitize the horse to pedestrian contact via petting & baton strikes

Group 2 – Will sensitize the horse to moving objects & different sounds using a gunny sack filled with varying objects including pillows, water bottles, cans.

Group 3 – Will sensitize the horse to walking under and across different types of surfaces such as plastic tarps, wood planks, water puddles,

Arena Sensory Course practice will consist of the following maneuvers to build confidence between rider and horse

- a. Walk through water
- b. Walk onto and across solid bridge
- c. Walk onto and across bridge that pivots in the center
- d. Walk under canopy
- e. Walk horse under a canopy with dangling strips of cloth & police tape

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- f. Side-pass over railroad tie to the right
- g. Side-pass over railroad tie to the left
- h. Back horse through an L-Pattern
- i. Walk through an 8' X 16' area filled with plastic bottles
- j. Utilizing a rope, drag a 20lb object behind the horse for 15 yards
- k. While mounted, stand "still" while a police siren is sounded
- l. Carrying a flag, ride the perimeter of the sensory course
- m. Turn your horse in a tight circle to the left
- n. Turn you horse in a tight circle to the right

VI. Introduction To Anatomy of the Horse and Proper Hoof Care – Classroom

- A. Dissection of the horse leg and foot with a Veterinarian
 - 1. Anatomy of the leg & foot
 - 2. Purpose/Structure of the foot and hoof
- B. Classroom review with Ferrier
 - 1. Trimming the Equine – The how and why
 - 2. Types of shoeing for the horse
 - 3. Correct shoeing for balance and performance

VII. Day Two Review

Day Three

VIII. Misdemeanor & Felony Arrest Tactics – Classroom Review/Arena

- A. Misdemeanor & Felony Arrest - Classroom
 - 1. Effective contact with a pedestrian as horse remains calm
 - 2. Misdemeanor arrest from horseback
 - 3. Felony arrest from horseback
- B. Crowd Control - Classroom
 - 1. Direct crowd movement
 - 2. Formation Riding while fireworks are ignited
- C. Helicopter familiarization - Classroom
 - 1. Helicopter will land in the arena
 - 2. Horses familiarization with helicopter
 - 3. Formation riding while helicopter "Fly overs"

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ACTIVITY #4 Arena - Misdemeanor & Felony Arrest Tactics Practical's

Students will demonstrate the ability to calmly demonstrate proper pedestrian contact from horseback, demonstrate proper misdemeanor arrest tactics from horseback, and demonstrate proper felony arrest tactics from horseback. Horses will utilize formations to direct crowd movements. The class will conduct formation riding while fireworks are ignited. Familiarization with helicopter that will land in the arena, horses will be ridden up to the helicopter and the helicopter pilots will present a class on familiarization with the air-ship. The class will conduct formation riding while the helicopter flying within a safe altitude conducts "fly overs".

ACTIVITY #5 Arena - Sensory Obstacle Course – Practical's

The students will return to the arena and demonstrate the ability to calmly perform the below listed maneuvers with their department certified horse.

The students will be separated into three groups:

- A. Group 1 – Will sensitize the horse to pedestrian contact via petting & baton strikes
- B. Group 2 – Will sensitize the horse to moving objects & different sounds using a gunny sack filled with varying objects including pillows, water bottles, cans.
- C. Group 3 – Will sensitize the horse to walking under and across different types of surfaces such as plastic tarps, wood planks, water puddles,

Arena Sensory Course practice will consist of the following maneuvers to build confidence between rider and horse

- a. Walk through water
- b. Walk onto and across solid bridge
- c. Walk onto and across bridge that pivots in the center
- d. Walk under canopy
- e. Walk horse under a canopy with dangling strips of cloth & police tape
- f. Side-pass over railroad tie to the right
- g. Side-pass over railroad tie to the left
- h. Back horse through an L-Pattern
- i. Walk through an 8' X 16' pit filled with plastic bottles
- j. Utilizing a rope, drag a 20lb object behind the horse for 15 yards
- k. While mounted, stand "still" while a police siren is sounded
- l. Carrying a flag, ride the perimeter of the sensory course
- m. Turn your horse in a tight circle to the left
- n. Turn you horse in a tight circle to the right

IX. Day Three Review

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Day Four

X. Trail Ride

1. With prior arraignments made between instructor and watch commander at local station, students will conduct a formation ride through both rural and city street terrain. They will ride in columns of two for a two mile ride, escorted by two Instructors and two marked patrol cars

XI. Night Time Scenarios - Arena

- A. Students will demonstrate the ability to calmly perform the below listed maneuvers with their department certified horse:
 1. Demonstrate proper misdemeanor arrest tactics from horseback
 2. Demonstrate proper felony arrest tactics from horseback
- B. Crowd control
 1. The class will conduct formation riding while the helicopter conducts "Fly overs"
 2. The class will conduct formation riding through a flare pattern and fires pits
 3. The class will conduct formation riding while fireworks are ignited
 4. The class will utilize formations to clear an intersection of protestors holding signs and chanting anti-cop slogans

XII. Day Four Review

Day Five

XIII. Horse Health/First Aid – Classroom

- A. Emergency care for the horse
 1. Wounds & Bleeding
 2. Allergic Reactions
- B. Recognizing signs of distress
 1. Colic Symptoms
 2. Fear
- C. Conducting a basic veterinarian examination on your horse
 1. Attitude and appetite
 2. Normal Respiratory rate

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3. Heart rate
4. Temperature
5. Gut sounds
6. Mucous membrane color
7. Capillary refill time

XIV. Horse Health/First Aid – Arena Practical Application

- A. Tack up horse, lead horse to arena gate
 1. Instructor will demonstrate how to properly perform a basic veterinarian examination on a horse
 - a. Normal Respiratory rate
 - b. Heart rate
 - c. Temperature
 - d. Gut sounds
 - e. Mucous membrane color
 - f. Capillary refill time

XV. Final Exam – Arena Students will demonstrate the ability to properly perform & document the following:

- A. Demonstrate Mounted Formations as a class while directed by instructor
- B. Demonstrate the proper use of Force Options, given a scenario and based on actions of the role player as directed by instructor
- C. Demonstrate the ability to properly perform the proper misdemeanor arrest tactics from horseback
- D. Demonstrate the ability to properly perform proper felony arrest tactics from horseback
- E. Demonstrate the ability to properly perform Walk their horse through the obstacle course
- F. Demonstrate how to properly perform a basic veterinarian examination on a horse

XVI. Graduation

- A. Course critique/Review
- B. Certificates distributed