

EV09 - Critical Incident  
Session 15 - Positional Shooting  
LD 21 – Patrol Techniques

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**Course Goal:** To teach recruit officers how to shoot in prone and kneeling positions.

**Session Goal:** To teach recruit officers the basic fundamentals of shooting a weapon while in a speed kneel, braced kneel, military prone and in the tactical/rollover prone position. To teach recruit officers counter ambush tactics while sitting inside the police vehicle.

**Learning Objectives:**

- Demonstrate the ability to shoot in different prone and kneeling positions.
- The recruit officers will understand shooting is a perishable skill and must be practiced regularly.
- Demonstrate the ability to counter an ambush while seated in the police vehicle.

**Session Time:** 4 hours (2 x Two Hour Blocks)

**Resources:**

- The recruits handgun
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Body armor worn by students and instructors
- Ammo (9mm)
- Shotgun
- Shotgun ammo
- Dummy shotgun round
- Targets
- Mats
- Barricades
- Police vehicle
- Inert handguns
- 1 radio for emergency notifications
- First aid kit including trauma kit

**Session Summary:** The instructor will begin on range C at the Davis Training Facility. The instructors will demonstrate proper body positioning in the kneeling and prone positions. The recruit officers will then practice dry and then demonstrate with live ammo. The instructors will demonstrate counter ambush tactics from the police vehicle. The recruit officers will perform counter ambush tactics from the police vehicle.

Outline	Instructor Notes
I. Positional Shooting	✓ <i>Quality through continuous improvement</i>

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<p>A. The instructor will demonstrate the following positions, utilizing an inert weapon.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Barricade-standing</li><li>2. Barricade-speed kneel</li><li>3. Barricade-brace kneel</li><li>4. Military prone</li><li>5. Rollover prone</li></ol> <p>B. Positional Shooting – Practical Application</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Instructor to student ratio is one to one for the following practical applications. The following drills should be conducted from the 21 foot line using three magazines loaded with 7 rounds in each magazine. The students will shot 5 rounds from each position. If time permits the students can perform the drill twice.<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Barricade speed kneel</li><li>b. Barricade brace kneel</li><li>c. Military prone</li><li>d. Rollover prone</li></ol></li></ol> <p>II. Vehicle Ambush</p> <p>A. Range set-up.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Park a vehicle parallel to targets with the driver’s side door approximately 10 yards from the targets. NOTE: The vehicle may be used with the passenger side facing the targets.</li><li>2. Use safety mats on the side of the vehicle that faces away from the targets.</li><li>3. Target placement. NOTE: The targets are placed at an angle from the vehicle to assist the student from shooting the vehicle</li></ol>	<p>The instructor will demonstrate the kneeling positions and the barricade-standing with an inert handgun</p> <p>Instructors will do a clearing run to insure the student handguns are empty.</p> <p>The students will demonstrate ‘dry’ first <b>Learning Activity 1</b> ➤ <b>All Firearms Safety Rules apply</b></p> <p>The students will demonstrate positional shooting live fire <b>Learning Activity 2</b></p> <p>Instructors will demonstrate counter ambush techniques from the vehicle using an inert handgun</p> <p>The students will demonstrate counter ambush techniques from the vehicle using live fire <b>Learning Activity 3</b></p>
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4. One target perpendicular to driver's side door.
5. One target at a slight angle off the front of the vehicle.
6. One target at a slight angle off the rear of the vehicle.

B. Procedure

NOTE: Communication between officers is mandatory.

1. Driver officer and passenger officer are both seated inside the vehicle with the seatbelts on.
2. Driver officer has his/her hands on the steering wheel and the passenger officer has his/her hands on their knees.
3. Instructor explains the nature of the problem (simulated radio call)
4. Driver officer communicates to passenger officer "Ambush on the left"
5. Driver officer engages threat through the open vehicle's window
6. Driver officer shoots seven rounds at the center target
7. The pistol must go to slide lock before moving
8. Driver officer removes the magazine so instructor can verify the condition of the pistol
9. Instructor explains this is for range safety only

Driver officer will punch out to the front windshield then transition to the threats so he/she does not cover their legs

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<p>10. When the driver officer is engaging the threats, simultaneously, the passenger officer exits the vehicle, keeping as low as possible and takes a position at the front wheel well area of the vehicle</p> <p>11. Instructor enters the vehicle via the passenger door and monitors the driver officer</p> <p>12. Passenger officer assumes a low ready position</p> <p>13. Passenger utilizes the speed kneel technique keeping as low as possible</p> <p>14. Passenger keeps a slight distance away from the vehicle and does not use the vehicle for a rest</p> <p>15. Passenger officer does not engage the target until the driver officer has completely exited the vehicle.</p> <p>NOTE: Instructor explains this is for range safety only.</p> <p>16. Driver officer exits the vehicle through the passenger door, keeping as low as possible and takes a position to the rear wheel well portion of the vehicle</p> <p>17. Driver utilizes the speed kneel technique keeping as low as possible.</p> <p>18. Driver keeps a slight distance away from the vehicle and does not use the vehicle to lean or rest on.</p> <p>19. Driver conducts an out of battery speed. Reload communicating to passenger</p>	<p>It is apparent to ensure the student has their finger along the frame until the driver officer completely exits the vehicle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are aligned on the target and you intend to shot</li></ul> <p>Explain the importance of not crowding your cover</p>
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officer “Reloading partner!”

20. Passenger officer engages right target, reloading as necessary
21. Driver officer shoots one magazine at the left target. Passenger officer shoots two magazines at the right target. While the students are shooting the targets will turn simulating a lull in the action. The students should assess and perform a tactical reload if needed. The targets will turn back and officers will alternate shooting with combat accuracy. It is mandatory for the officers to communicate with each other when reloading
22. The students will reload and take the opposite position
23. NOTE: After all ammunition has been expended and both officer’s weapons are in an out of battery slide lock condition the instructors shall announce a cease-fire. Instructors shall ensure the students clear and safely holster an empty weapon.

### III. Threat Options Course

#### A. Range set-up.

NOTE: The “threat options course” starts at the 51 foot line at the police vehicle. The student will shot to the 21 foot line then back to the 51 foot line. The student will then move using the oblique movement, moving to the building. Student uses three magazines loaded to capacity.

1. The student begins at the 51-foot line sitting in the passenger side of a police

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<p>vehicle. The student will receive a radio call of a "211 silent." The student will retrieve the shotgun and exit the vehicle.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. The student fires 4 rounds with the fourth round being a dummy round. The student will ground the shotgun and transition to their pistol.</li><li>3. Student identifies the next target and moves to better cover at the 12 yard line. The student fires covering their movement to the 12 yard line. The student will pie to the left and to the right engaging the suspects. The student should asses and does a tactical reload before moving away from cover.</li><li>4. The student will move backwards covering their movement to the 51 foot line and assumes a prone position behind cover.</li><li>5. The student will address the threats from the prone position. The student will assess and take a speed kneel position and assess again. The student will determine if he/she needs to conduct a tactical reload.</li><li>6. The student will move to the corner of the building covering their movement. The student should be utilizing the oblique movement.</li><li>7. The student will assess and the instructor will advise the student the problem is cold.</li><li>8. The instructor then ensures the student's weapon is clear and the range is safe. The student then holsters a clear and empty weapon</li></ol>	<p>The student should recognize the shotgun is malfunctioning and transition to their pistol</p>
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<p>Key learning points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proper way to shoot from a variety of positions</li><li>- Multiple target shooting</li><li>- Proper Ambush tactics</li></ul>	
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**Purpose-** The purpose of the dry fire practical application is to enrich the students shooting ability past the normal stand up firing position. Shooting in the kneeling and prone positions are taught as an enhancement to the normal firearms training.

**Description-** The safety ratio for dry practice is one to five. Mats with barricades will be placed at the 51 foot line.

The instructors will make sure all the student's pistols are empty and emphasize the Basic Firearms Safety Rules. The instructors will stand behind the students while they move into the prone and kneeling positions. The instructor will have the student simulate a speed reloads and tactical reloads while in each position.

**Resources needed:**

- Empty pistol
- Barricades
- Mats
- Targets

**Key learning points:**

- Proper way to shoot from a variety of positions
- Multiple target shooting

**Time needed:** 10-15 minutes

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**Learning Activity 2- Shooting Positions Live Fire**

**Purpose-** The purpose of the live fire practical application is to enrich the students shooting ability past the normal stand up firing position. Shooting in the prone and kneeling positions are taught as an enhancement to the normal firearms training.

**Description-** All live fire shooting from the kneeling and prone positions is performed on a one to one basis. For the students waiting at the 75 foot line the ratio will be one to five. If the students are placed outside on the bench a single instructor is required to monitor if the students have live ammo. In the event the students are completely empty no instructor is required to monitor. Everyone on the range will be considered a range safety officer. If anyone identifies a potentially dangerous situation, a cease-fire shall be called. The safety concern will be resolved prior to the continuation of any training.

Students will load three magazines of 7 rounds. Place one target and one barricade up for each student at the 51 foot line. The students will shoot 5 rounds from each position. The students will finish in the rollover prone position and will remain in that position until the instructor directs them into the standing position. Coaches will monitor the line to their left and right to ensure no participants are in front of one another. Upon completion of the kneeling and prone positions, shooter will immediately assess, de-cock if needed and holster up. The coaches will check the student's target. If time permits the students will perform this learning activity twice.

**Resources needed:**

- The recruits handgun
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Body armor worn by students and instructors
- Ammo (9mm)
- Targets
- Mats
- Barricades
- Inert handguns
- 1 radio for emergency notifications
- First aid kit including trauma kit

**Key learning points:**

- Proper way to shoot from a variety of positions
- Multiple target shooting

**Time needed:** 30-40 minutes

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**Learning Activity 3- Vehicle Ambush**

**Purpose-**The purpose of the live fire practical application from the vehicle is to enrich the students shooting ability in the event they get ambushed while sitting in the police vehicle. Shooting from the vehicle and in the kneeling position are taught as an enhancement to the normal firearms training.

**Description-** All live fire shooting from the vehicle training is performed on a one to one basis. For everyone else waiting at the 75 foot line the ratio is one to five. If the students are placed outside on the bench a single instructor is required to monitor if the students have live ammo. In the event the students are completely empty, no instructor is required to monitor. Everyone on the range will be considered a range safety officer. If anyone identifies a potentially dangerous situation, a cease-fire shall be called. The safety concern will be resolved prior to the continuation of any training.

The students will load three magazines with 7 rounds each.

The students will sit in the police vehicle as the driver and passenger officer with their seatbelts on. The police vehicle will be parked approximately 30 feet parallel from the targets. The driver officer will have his/her hands on the steering wheel and the passenger officer will have his/her hands on their knees. The instructor will yell out ambush left. The driver officer will engage the suspect (center target) while the passenger officer quickly exits the vehicle taking a position towards the front of the police vehicle. Passenger officer DOES NOT engage the suspect until the driver officer is completely out of the vehicle. For safety purposes, driver officer will go to slide lock and remove the magazine. The instructor will enter the vehicle to verify the pistol is empty before exiting the vehicle. Driver officer will then exit taking a position to the rear of the police vehicle. The students will perform their ambush tactics as taught.

While engaging the suspects the targets will turn away simulating a lull in the action. The students should assess and perform a tactical reload if necessary. The students will have the opportunity to broadcast a “help” call. The targets will turn back and the students will address their threat.

The students will act as passenger and driver.

After all ammunition has been expended instructors shall ensure the students clear and safely holster an empty weapon.

**Resources needed:**

- The recruits handgun
- Eye protection
- Ear protection

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- Body armor worn by students and instructors
- Ammo (9mm)
- Targets
- Mats
- Police vehicle
- Inert handguns
- 1 radio for emergency notifications
- First aid kit including trauma kit

**Key learning points:**

- Communication
- Utilizing a speed kneel position
- Don't crowd your cover

**Time needed:** 5-10 minutes

### **Learning Activity 4- Threat Options Course Live Fire**

**Purpose-** The purpose of the live fire practical application is to enrich the students shooting ability past the normal stand up firing position. Shooting on the move, shooting in the prone and shooting in the kneeling positions are taught as an enhancement to the normal firearms training.

**Description-** All live fire shooting on the move is performed on a one to one basis. For the students waiting at the 75 foot line the safety ratio will be one to five. If the students are placed outside on the bench a single instructor is required to monitor if the students have live ammo. In the event the students are completely empty no instructor is required to monitor. Everyone on the range will be considered a range safety officer. If anyone identifies a potentially dangerous situation, a cease-fire shall be called. The safety concern will be resolved prior to the continuation of any training.

The students will load three magazines to capacity.

A police vehicle will be parked at the 36 foot line facing down range with a shotgun loaded to patrol ready. A dummy round will be the fourth round placed in the shotgun to ensure the student will identify the malfunction in a timely manner and transition to their pistol. A hostage target will start the course and all the additional targets will be numbered (targets will be facing away).

The student will sit in the passenger side of the police vehicle and will receive a radio call “211 silent.” The student will retrieve the shotgun and exit the vehicle. The targets will face and the student should identify the hostage target and engage. The student will experience a malfunction and transition to their pistol. The instructor will call off a number and the student will shoot their way to better cover at the 21 foot line. The student will pie to the left and right of the cover and engage the target. The student will be advised they will move to the rear to another position of cover. The student should assess and conduct a tactical reload if necessary. The student will engage the target(s) indicated while moving to cover at the 51 foot line.

The student will take a prone position and engage the target(s) indicated. The student will be told to take a kneeling position. The student should assess before taking the kneeling position. While in the kneeling position the student should assess again and conduct a tactical reload if necessary.

The student will move to the corner position of the building requiring the student to utilize the oblique movement. The student will engage the target(s) indicated. After the student reaches cover the student will assess and conduct a tactical reload if necessary.

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The instructor will call the problem cold and insure the student clears and safely holsters an empty weapon.

**Resources needed:**

- The recruits handgun
- Eye protection
- Ear protection
- Body armor worn by students and instructors
- Ammo (9mm)
- Shotgun
- Shotgun ammo
- Dummy shotgun round
- Targets
- Mats
- Barricades
- Police vehicle
- 1 radio for emergency notifications
- First aid kit including trauma kit

**Key learning points:**

- Proper way to shoot from a variety of positions
- Multiple target shooting
- Don't crowd your cover

**Time needed:** 10-15 minutes