OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE
January 10, 2018

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: SLUG AMMUNITION INSTRUCTION DURING JANUARY 2018

\$HOTGUN QUALIFICATION - REVISED

The purpose of this Notice is to inform sworn personnel that the January 2018 shotgun qualification cycle shall consist of Slug Ammunition Loading and Transition (SALT) instruction. Additionally, this Notice rescinds the Police Sciences and Training Bureau Notice, Deployment of Shotgun Slug Ammunition by Non-Slug Certified Officers Under Exigent Circumstances, dated March 31, 2016, and revises the criteria for deployment by SALT-trained officers.

Qualification

Sworn personnel who successfully complete SALT instruction shall satisfy the shotgun qualification requirements for 2018.

Deployment

After successful completion of SALT instruction, sworn personnel may deploy slug ammunition (SA) at distances under 25 yards when confronted with ongoing aggressive deadly behavior such as a mass casualty attack or active shooter, or when a suspect is believed to be:

- 1) Armed with a firearm and wearing protective body armor;
- 2) Armed with, or has immediate access to, a weapon system that surpasses the capabilities of a pistol or buckshot ammunition; or,
- 3) Armed with a firearm and situated in a fortified location that affords the suspect a tactically superior position in which the deployment of SA reasonably appears necessary to neutralize the threat posed by the suspect.

Once an SA-certified (Slug Shotgun Cadre member who has completed the two-day Slug Shotgun Course) or Patrol Rifle-certified officer is on scene and available, SALT-trained officers shall not deploy SA. A SALT-trained officer shall not tactically deploy with an SA-certified or Patrol Rifle-certified officer at scene and shall safely download his or her shotgun to patrol-ready status when the situation is safe.

Ammunition Distribution

The Department shall provide five rounds of SA to sworn personnel who successfully complete SALT instruction during the shotgun qualification cycle.

For questions regarding this Notice, contact Lieutenant Dana Berns, Officer-in-Charge, Firearms Training Section, In-Service Training, Training Division, at (818) 832-3712.

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