

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms**  
**Session No. 3 – Tactical Reload**

Hours: 2

**LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 3)**

LOCATION: Designated Safe Training Area

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

**Learning Objectives:**

- Reinforce prior pistol manipulation skills.
- Introduce the pistol tactical reload.

**I. Conduct drills to reinforce the previously taught pistol manipulation skills:**

A. Assemble the class in a safe training area and conduct training drills to reinforce the following pistol manipulation skills that have been previously taught.

1. Drawing and Holstering
2. Chamber Checks: Daytime and Low-Light
3. Loading and Unloading

**II. Introduction to the Pistol Tactical Reload**

A. Explain the following information regarding the Tactical Reload to the recruits in a class circle.

1. Reloading is a combat function used during a gun fight when the weapon needs to be loaded with additional ammunition. It should not be confused with loading, which is an administrative function.
2. There are two types of reloads; Tactical and Speed.
3. The tactical reload should be performed when retaining possession of the magazine coming out of the pistol is the priority.
4. Because the tactical reload takes longer to perform than a speed reload, the priority of retaining control of the magazine coming out of the pistol must be weighed against the additional time it will take to perform the tactical reload.
5. Some reasons to consider retaining control of the magazine coming out of the pistol are:
  - a. It may contain ammunition that can be used later.
  - b. There is sufficient time to conduct the reload because the deadly threat is no longer occurring.
  - b. During training sessions on a range, it would prevent the magazines from becoming dirty, muddy or wet.

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6. Several techniques for performing a Tactical Reload have been taught in the past. However, the Tactical Reload that is currently taught per the LAPD Basic Firearms Manual is the one they will learn and be tested on.
7. It is recommended that Tactical Reloads be performed utilizing cover.

**B. Introduce and demonstrate the steps for performing a Tactical Reload.**

1. Explain and demonstrate in a class circle to the recruits the proper steps for performing a Tactical Reload as per Chapter 8 in the LAPD Basic Firearms Manual.
2. Remind the recruits that they can review all pistol manipulations by watching the firearms training video on their Academy DVD, as well as reading their issued LAPD Basic Firearms Manual.

**C. PRACTICAL APPLICATION: Tactical Reload drills.**

1. Return the recruits back to their training formation and conduct drills to teach and reinforce the proper techniques to perform a Tactical Reload.
2. Remind the students to keep their trigger finger off the trigger during all reloads.
3. Reinforce the proper exchange of the magazines by having the recruits make several exchanges consecutively without performing all the other preliminary steps. This also gives instructors the opportunity to observe and evaluate the recruits' performance.

**D. Clean up and Conclusion**

1. Pick up all snap caps and magazines. Conduct a visual inspection of all magazines before having the recruits put them away in their range bags.
2. Have the recruits return their pistols to the gun boxes.
3. Remind the recruits to practice their manipulations at home.
4. Instruct the recruits to read Chapter 8 in their Basic Firearms Manual in preparation for the next session where they will learn how to perform Speed Reloads.