

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Stand Alone 07– LD 35 Firearms**  
**Session No. 10 – Marksmanship & Range Drills**

Hours: 2

**LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 7)**

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

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

A. Assemble the class on the range 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
4. Tactical Reload
5. In-Battery and Out-of-Battery Speed Reloads
6. Failure to Fire Malfunction
7. Failure to Eject Malfunction
8. Failure to Extract Malfunction
9. Field Stripping and Lubrication Points

**II. Live-Fire Range Drills: Skip Loading**

- A. If not accomplished in the prior session, introduce and explain the process of skip loading.
- B. The pistol is loaded with a combination of snap caps and live rounds.
- C. Since it is unknown by the shooter whether a live round or snap cap is in the chamber, trigger control can be monitored.
- D. Have the recruits load one or two magazines with a high number of snap caps and low number of live rounds. For example, magazines could be loaded 6 snap caps and 3 live rounds, or 10 snap caps and 5 live rounds.
- E. Instruct the recruits to fire the skip loaded magazine on a particular silhouette target. Recruits should be shooting their skip loaded magazine no closer than the 30-foot line.
- F. It is recommended that the recruits clear and holster an empty weapon when they have completed firing a skip loaded magazine to avoid the possibility of having an unintentional discharge when holstering a loaded pistol. As the recruits develop and demonstrate more proficiency with live-fire drills, they will be allowed to perform out-of-battery speed reloads and holster a loaded

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- pistol.
- G. When the line has been declared safe, have the recruits move forward and mark the holes on the target. Have the line instructors evaluate the targets and give feedback to the recruits they are overseeing.
  - H. Repeat the skip loading process, as time permits. As the class progresses, reduce the ratio of snap caps to live ammo.
  - I. The instructor may choose to increase the number of controlled presses on a snap cap by having the recruits press an additional one or two times on a snap cap by having the recruits perform chamber checks to reset the trigger.
  - J. Advise the recruits that they may need to rest at the low ready after clearing the chamber of the snap cap to avoid fatigue, which can lead to poor marksmanship. At this time, no time limit should be imposed on the recruits.

**III. Live-Fire Range Drills: Assessment Drill at the 45 foot line**

- A. The last drill for this session will be 10 slow-fire body shots fired from the 45 foot line on one, clean silhouette target.
- B. Instruct the recruits to load one magazine with 10 live rounds and report to the 45 foot line.
- C. Instruct the recruits to insert the magazine into their holstered pistol, draw to the low ready and then begin firing, with an empty chamber, all 10 body shots on the clean silhouette target. When they have finished, have them stand by at the low ready with their slides at slide-lock awaiting an inspection by an instructor.
- D. When the line is declared safe, instruct the recruits to move forward and inspect their target. Have the instructors ring-score each target and mark the score on the right side of the target. Have the recruits record their score in their field officer's notebook while the primary instructor records the scores on a class score sheet.
  - 1. This drill will be repeated throughout their initial training for the POST Pistol Basic Test as a way to measure the individual recruit's marksmanship development and progress.
  - 2. This drill can be conducted at the beginning or end of future training sessions.
  - 3. This drill should never be timed. It is a pure, marksmanship and accuracy drill.
  - 4. Explain the scoring method to the recruits so that they understand that the maximum score is 100 points, and that they should set an initial goal to score in the 90's. Once they can shoot in the 90's, then they should set a new goal to shoot a perfect 100 point score.
- E. 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.

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3. Remind the recruits to practice their pistol manipulations, as well as dry fire practice at home.