

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms**  
**Session No. 14 – PWAL Manipulations and Basic Drills**

Hours: 3

**LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 8)**

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: Weapon Light

HANDOUTS: None

**I. Introduction to Pistol With Attached Light (PWAL) Training (1/2 hour)**

- A. Assemble the recruits together on the range in a class circle.
- B. Ensure that all the recruits have brought their weapon lights with them to class today.
- C. Explain and discuss the Department's Policy covering the use of the attached light.
  - 1. Only a Department approved light shall be attached to the pistol and carried in a Department approved holster.
  - 2. The light on the pistol shall only be used when the officer is justified in drawing or exhibiting the pistol.
  - 3. Officers shall carry an additional, independent flashlight for use in situations when their pistol with an attached light would not be appropriate or authorized to use.
- D. Demonstrate how to install and remove the attached light to the light rail on the pistol.
  - 1. Be careful not to cross a hand in front of the muzzle.
  - 2. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direct.
  - 3. Ensure that the light locks into the slot by attempting to pull it off.
- E. Instruct the recruits on how to activate the constant and momentary switches on their particular weapon light model.
  - 1. Use the trigger finger
  - 2. Use the support-hand thumb
- F. At this time, for familiarization purposes, have the recruits actually activate the switches on their own weapon light, ensuring that the lights stay pointed at the ground. Remind the recruits not to handle their pistols, which are in the holster. Then have the recruits place their weapon light in their support-side pants pocket.

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- G. Explain to the recruits that they will complete the PWAL certification process during their nighttime rotations near the end of their academy training. Today's training serves as an introduction to installing and removing the weapon light and how to operate the momentary and constant switches.
- H. At the conclusion of the demonstration, answer any questions and clarify any areas of concern.
- I. Dismiss the recruits back to their assigned lanes and await training commands.
- J. Instruct the recruits to draw their pistols to the low ready and verify that their pistols are completely unloaded and safe.
- K. Instruct the recruits to retrieve their weapon lights from their pockets and install them onto the pistol by sliding them on the light rail under the barrel. Remind them not to allow their hand to pass in front to the muzzle.
- L. Give instructions on how to activate the momentary and constant switches.
- M. Then instruct the recruits to remove the lights from the pistols. Remind them that the first few times installing and removing the light may be difficult.
- N. Then have the recruits reinstall the weapon lights on their pistols and safely holster the pistol with the light attached.

**II. Conduct drills to reinforce the previously taught pistol manipulation skills**  
**(1/2 hour)**

- 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. Harries Flashlight Technique
  - 7. Failure to Fire Malfunction
  - 8. Failure to Eject Malfunction
  - 9. Failure to Extract Malfunction
  - 10. Field Stripping and Lubrication Points

**III. . Live-Fire Range Drills: Skip Loading**  
**(1/2 hour)**

- A. Assemble the recruits in a class circle, and give them specific skip loading instructions for the first drill of this session.
- B. The magazines should be loaded with a reduced ratio of snap caps to live ammo.
- C. Have the recruits skip load one or two magazines per evolution, depending on how many snap caps are used in each magazine.

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- D. Instruct the recruits to fire the skip loaded magazine on a particular silhouette target.
- E. Instruct the recruits to perform out-of-battery speed reloads and holster a loaded pistol whenever their guns go empty and they have available, loaded magazines. If there are no loaded magazines available, the drill is over and they should unload and holster an empty pistol.
- F. When the line has been declared safe, have the recruits move forward and mark the holes with an assigned mark on the target. Have the line instructors evaluate the targets and give feedback to the recruits they are overseeing.
- G. Repeat the skip loading process, as time permits. As the class progresses, reduce the ratio of snap caps to live ammo.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.

**IV. Live-Fire Range Drills: Out-of-Battery Speed Reloads (3/4 hour)**

- A. Instruct recruits to load their magazines with a varying number of rounds between 3 and 5 rounds. Then exchange the magazines with a partner recruit.
- B. Conduct range drills to reinforce out of battery speed reloads by having the recruits fire a failure drill on the silhouette target each time it faces.
- C. Repeat this drill to ensure that the failure drills are fired at both the 21 foot and 30 foot lines (7yds & 10yds).
- D. Debrief the importance of being competent at performing out of battery speed reloads.
- E. Repeat the same partner, random loading drill to fire body shots at the 36 foot and 45 foot lines (12yds & 15yds).
- E. Evaluate the targets between training evolutions and give feedback to the recruits. No time limits should be utilized at this time and firing should be on only one target at a time.

**IV. Live-Fire Range Drills: Body Shots @ 45 feet (3/4 hour)**

- A. Assemble the recruits together in a class circle and introduce them to Phase II, Stage 6 of the Day Pistol Basic Test (10 body shots in 30 secs @ 45 feet).
- B. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines with 7 live / 3 snap caps and exchange the magazines with a partner.
- C. With no time limit, have the recruits fire all body shots at 45 feet using the skip loaded magazine. Remind them to perform an out-of-battery speed reload after the first skip loaded magazine.
- D. Evaluate the targets and mark the holes

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- E. Have the recruits load two magazines with 10 live rounds in each magazine.
  - F. Fire Stage 6 at 45 feet, 10 body shots in 30 seconds, starting from the low ready position.
  - G. If recruits don't fire all of the rounds in the time allotted, face the targets back and allow them to finish firing while taking note of how many they held.
  - H. Evaluate the targets and repeat with the second magazine.
- F. 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.