

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone 07– LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 15 – Basic Drills

Hours: 3

LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 9)

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

I. 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

II. 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.
- D. Instruct the recruits to fire the skip loaded magazine on a particular silhouette target.

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- 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.
- J. Have the recruits skip load at different distances to reinforce firing failure drills.

III. Live-Fire Range Drills: Timed Failure Drills

(2 hours)

- A. Assemble the recruits in a class circle and explain the stages of the POST Day Pistol Basic Test as listed in Appendix D in the LAPD Basic Firearms Manual that involve timed failure drills at the 30 ft, 21 ft, and 9 ft lines.
- B. Conduct range drills to reinforce firing failure drills on silhouette targets.
- C. Failure drills should be fired first at the 30 foot line in 5 seconds.
- D. Move forward to the 21 foot line and fire failure drills in 4 seconds.
- E. Then fire failure drills at the 9 foot line in 3 seconds with one hand.
- F. Evaluate the targets between training evolutions and give feedback to the recruits.
- 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.