LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 17 – Basic Drills/Practice POST Pistol Basic Course

Hours: 3

LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 10)

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: Assessment Drill at the 45 foot line (10 mins)

A. This drill 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 clear and holster their empty pistols.
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 in order to assess the shooters' progress.

II. Live-Fire Range Drills: Skip Loading (50 mins)

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.
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 have the recruits utilize a self-imposed time limit when firing their skip loaded magazines. The instructor should have the recruits fire at a self-imposed speed where they ensure that they have properly applied all of the steps from the sequence of marksmanship.
I. Have the recruits skip load at different distances to reinforce firing body shots and failure drills at the appropriate speed for the individual shooter.

III. Live-Fire Range Drills: Practice the POST Day Pistol Basic Course (1 ½ hour)

A. Put up clean targets and have the recruits load their magazines 15, 15, 15, 9, 8.
B. Conduct a practice of the entire POST Day Pistol Basic Course.
C. Explain how to score the targets and then have the recruits score their two targets and write the scores on each target.
D. Have the recruits put up clean targets and load their magazines again with the same loading sequence in preparation to shoot the Pistol Basic Course again.
E. Give the recruits a 5-10 minute break.
F. Assemble the recruits back on the range and shoot and score the Day Pistol Basic Course again.
G. 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. Encourage the recruits to memorize the Stages of fire as listed in Appendix D of their Basic Firearms Manual.