

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 18 – POST Day Pistol Basic Test

Hours: 2

LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 10)

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: Score Sheets

HANDOUTS: None

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All firearms exercise testing must be conducted under written academy/presenter safety procedures and or protocols established in accordance with the POST safety guidelines. Students are required to comply with every aspect of presenter safety procedures and or protocols during firearms training and testing.

An exercise test that requires the student to demonstrate competency in basic handgun shooting principles using a handgun, while wearing body armor and duty equipment, under daylight conditions on a basic course fire.

The student is required to shoot from multiple distances of 1 to 15 yards or greater using a presenter approved service handgun and fire a minimum of 50 rounds of service ammunition with acceptable accuracy standards and under time restrictions established by the presenter.

The student is required to tactically load and reload the handgun using the loading device authorized by the presenter and clear any malfunctions that may occur during the course of fir.

The student will demonstrate competency in the following performance dimensions:

- 1. Firearms safety**
- 2. Mechanical functions**
- 3. Manipulations**
- 4. Basic Shooting Principles**
- 5. Accuracy**

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Presenters must use the POST-developed firearms Competency Exercise Test Form or a presenter developed form approved by POST, which minimally includes the performance dimensions used for this exercise test.

I. Live-Fire Range Drills: Skip Loading

(1/2 hour)

- A. Instruct the recruits to skip load 3 magazines in the following order: 10 live / 3 snap caps, 6 live/ 2 snap caps, 6 live/ 2 snap caps. Then have the recruits exchange their magazines with a partner.
- B. Have the recruits place the 10/3 magazine into the holstered pistol and the remaining 6/2 magazines in their magazine pouches.
- C. Assemble the recruits in a class circle and give them the following instructions.

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1. They will be conducting skip loading drills with each of these 3 magazines in preparation for the Basic Test.
 2. This skip loading exercise will NOT be slow-fire. Rather, it will involve each shooter utilizing a self-imposed time limit for each magazine.
 3. The shooter is to clear each press on a snap cap as if it were a Failure to Fire malfunction by immediately performing a Tap-Roll-Rack and then continuing to fire.
 4. The first magazine of 10/3 will be all body shots fired at the 45 foot line.
 5. The second magazine of 6/2 will be two sets of failure drills fired at the 30 foot line.
 6. The third magazine of 6/2 will be two sets of failure drills fired at the 21 foot line.
 7. Each shooter should attempt to apply a self-imposed rate of fire that is appropriate for the stage of fire that will be fired at each corresponding distance.
 8. Each shooter should be aware of their individual performance for each press of the trigger that occurs on a snap cap. In this way, they will be aware of the quality of their sight picture and trigger press, and correct any flaws they observe while shooting.
 9. Each shooter should immediately perform an out-of-battery speed reload when they become aware that their gun is empty.
 10. After the last magazine is fired, shooters are to properly clear and holster an empty pistol.
- D. Answer any questions that arise and then dismiss the recruits back to their individual shooting lanes at the 45 foot line.
- E. Have the recruits draw to the low ready and begin firing, with an empty chamber, 10 body shots on the right silhouette target. Remind the recruits that this stage of fire allows them approximately THREE seconds per press (10 body shots in 30 seconds).
- F. Once the line is holstered and safe, instruct the recruits to move forward, evaluate their targets and mark the holes with a marker.
- G. Instructors should give feedback to the recruits and ask them if they had any BAD presses on the snap caps. Give positive feedback to the recruits on things they did well as well as how to improve if they had any BAD presses on any of the snap caps.
- H. Have the recruits then report back to the 30 foot line.
- I. The recruits will now fire two sets of failure drills, utilizing the same self-imposed rate of fire for this stage of fire. Remind the recruits that this stage of fire allows them ONE second per body shot and TWO seconds for the headshot. After the first failure drill, the shooter should return to the low ready and assess. After the second failure drill, the shooter should perform an out-of-battery speed reload and properly holster.
- J. Repeat the same process as listed above to evaluate and mark the targets.
- K. Then have the recruits repeat the same shooting drill at the 21 foot line that they just completed at the 30 foot line. When the recruits are done shooting, have them clear and holster an empty pistol.
- L. Evaluate the targets and give positive feedback.
- M. Have the recruits place new targets in the frames and write their names and serial numbers in the upper left corner on the white part of the target.
- N. Then have them load their magazines in preparation for the Pistol Basic Test in the following order: 15, 15, 15, 9, 8.
- O. Then give the recruits a 10-minute break.

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II. TEST: Conduct the POST Day Pistol Basic Test

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- A. Ensure that an Academy Supervisor is present during testing and scoring of the targets. The Primary Firearms Instructor should refrain from scoring the targets if possible.
- B. Ensure that the following set of instructions and rules are followed when administering the POST Day Pistol Basic Course.
 - 1. The course consists of 60 rounds total, fired on two silhouette targets, with a maximum of 30 rounds fired on each target. The LAPD Combat scoring method is used (described below). The minimum score required to pass is 70% or 210 points total on both targets. Ricochets and rounds entering the back of the target after it has turned will not be scored.
 - 2. Failure drills consist of two shots to the body and one shot to the head.
 - 3. Ammunition management is the student's responsibility.
NOTE: Students will not be instructed to reload during the test, except after Phase 2, Stage 4 (30 ft line).
 - 4. The course is comprised of two phases. Each phase is fired on a single target. There is no multiple target engagement.
NOTE: Each stage must be selected on the computer for the appropriate target to face.
 - 5. A passing score is 210 points for day qualification and 180 points for night qualification.
 - 6. Combat scoring methodology:
 - a. Body shots in the 5-8-9-10 ring = 10 points
 - b. Shots in the arms = 5 points
 - c. Head shots in any part of the head = 10 points
 - d. Extra head shots = 5 points
 - e. Head shots unintentionally pulled down into the body = 10 Points
 - f. Head shots intentionally fired into the body = Cheating/Failure
 - g. Rounds touching a scoring line = the higher point value
 - 7. Lighting conditions
 - a. Lights should be set to full for day qualification
 - b. Night: Row 1 lit, everything else is off. Off-range safety lights are off
 - 8. Conduct the POST Day Pistol Basic Test according to the chart below. Score the targets according to the above listed Combat scoring system.

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Phase One

Magazine Loading Sequence is 15, 15, 15

Stage	Foot line	Start	Sequence	Time	Shooting Position
1	9	Holstered	Failure Drill	3 seconds	Primary hand; support hand across chest
2	9	Holstered	Failure Drill	3 seconds	Primary hand; support hand across chest
3	9	Low ready	Failure Drill	3 seconds	Support hand; primary hand across chest
4	9	Low ready	Failure Drill	3 seconds	Support hand; primary hand across chest
5	21	Low ready	Failure Drill	4 seconds	Two hands
6	21	Low ready	Failure Drill	4 seconds	Two hands
7	21	Low ready	Failure Drill	4 seconds	Two hands
8	21	Holstered	Failure Drill	4 seconds	Two hands
9	21	Holstered	Failure Drill	4 seconds	Two hands
10	21	Holstered	Failure Drill	4 seconds	Two hands

Phase Two

Magazine Loading Sequence is 9 and 8

Stage	Foot line	Start	Sequence	Time	Shooting Position
1	30	Holstered	Failure Drill	5 seconds	Two hands
2	30	Holstered	Failure Drill	5 seconds	Two hands
3	30	Low ready	Failure Drill	5 seconds	Two hands
4	30	Low ready	Failure Drill	5 seconds	Two hands
	30			Not timed	Perform Tactical Reload
5	45	Low ready	10 Body shots	30 seconds	Two hands
6	51	Low ready	4 Body shots	20 seconds	Two hands- right side of barricade
7	51	Low ready	4 Body shots	20 seconds	Two hands- left side of barricade

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THE FOLLOWING RULES ALSO APPLY TO THE POST DAY PISTOL BASIC COURSE OF FIRE:

1. Any violation of the Basic Firearm Safety Rules will result in an automatic failure, regardless of the score.
2. Head shots must be attempted where required. Deliberately firing body shots instead of the required head shots is considered cheating and will result in automatic failure, regardless of the score. Because cheating is an integrity issue, this could result in termination from the Academy.
3. Failure to maintain the correct starting position, i.e. drawing before the start signal or aiming at the target when the pistol should be pointed at the low ready position, will be grounds for automatic failure regardless of the score.
4. Attempting to make up shots is considered cheating and will result in automatic failure. Because cheating is an integrity issue, this could result in termination from the Academy.
5. If the shooter experiences a pistol malfunction, they must clear it immediately. After the malfunction has been cleared, the shooter will be given the opportunity to complete the stage of fire. If the shooter does not clear the malfunction immediately, they will not be given the opportunity to complete the stage of fire and their targets will be scored in the normal manner.
6. Shooters who experience self-induced malfunctions will not be given the opportunity to complete the stage of fire. Self-induced malfunctions include:
 - a. Improperly loading the magazines.
 - b. Failure to load the firearm.
 - c. Failure to seat the magazine.

C. 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. Assemble the recruits in a class circle and read off their scores for them to record in their Field Officer's Notebook.
4. Remind the recruits to practice their manipulations at home.
5. Instruct the recruits to read Chapter 4, Combat Techniques and Defensive Response Options, before their next firearms session.