

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms**  
**Session No. 20–Pistol Combat Drills**

Hours: 2

**LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 11)**

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

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

- A. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines with 10 live and 5 snap caps per magazine. Have the recruits exchange magazines with a partner.
- B. Fire the first magazine from the 30 foot line at the head of the right target. Begin with an empty chamber.
  - 1. Remind the recruits to perform an out-of-battery speed reload when their pistol goes to slide lock.
  - 2. There should be no time limit for the first magazine.
  - 3. Evaluate the targets- and give positive feedback to the recruits.
- C. Fire the second magazine from the 30 foot line again at the head of the left target.
  - 1. Have the recruits utilize a self-imposed time limit of 2 seconds per headshot for this magazine.
  - 2. When each shooter has completed firing the magazine, have them clear and holster an empty pistol.
  - 3. Once the line has been cleared by the rangemaster, move forward and evaluate the targets, mark all of the holes, and give positive feedback to the recruits. Leave the targets in the frames for use in the next drill

**II. Live-Fire Range Drills: 21 ft line Failure Drills using the Barricade (1 1/2 hours)**

- A. Explain and demonstrate firing from the 21 foot line barricade using the stand-off principle.
  - 1. Using the clips on the barricades, hang a cardboard target on a white post barricade at the 21 foot line. Use duct tape if there are no clips on the barricades to hang the cardboard.
  - 2. Explain how to stand back approximately 3-4 feet behind the barricade with a wider stance in order to see downrange from each side of the barricade and why this is beneficial.
  - 3. Explain that this type of stance is used for wider post-type barricades when a shooter needs to be able to shoot from either side.
  - 4. The barricade (cardboard) will not be used for support in this situation.

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- B. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines 10L/ 5S and exchange them with a partner. Place one in the pocket and the other in the first magazine pouch.
- C. Instruct the recruits to stand behind the cardboard barricade at the 21 foot line with a modified, wider stance.
- D. Have the recruits draw their pistols, verify that they are empty, and then practice coming up on target on each side of the barricade on the target in their lane in order to feel the proper stance and balance point for firing around each side of the barricade. Then have them holster their pistols.
- E. Instruct the recruits to fire one skip loaded magazine from the right side of the barricade on the right target in their lane.
  - Remind them to use cover when clearing the failure to fire malfunction
- F. Then shoot the second skip loaded magazine from the left side of the barricade on the left target in their lane.
- G. After the line has been cleared, move forward, evaluate the targets, and then replace the targets with clean targets.
- H. Instruct the recruits to load three magazines with 15 live rounds in each magazine.
- I. Conduct a drill where the recruits begin standing to the right side of their barricade so that they can see the right target in their lane. When they see the targets face, they should move behind cover, assume a balanced stance, and fire a failure drill on both targets in their lane.
  - 1. There should be a total of 6 rounds per failure drill.
  - 2. They should fire two body shots on each target before firing the headshots.
  - 3. They should utilize the stand-off principle.
  - 4. They should properly recover to the low ready by scanning and assessing.
  - 5. The rangemaster should have them return to their starting position after each failure drill.
  - 6. Remind the recruits that it is their responsibility to reload immediately when their pistols go empty.
  - 7. Begin with a generous time limit when turning the targets. The time can be shortened as the recruits progress.
- J. Change the drill after firing 3 failure drills on the right side to having the recruits begin standing on the left side of their barricade and firing the remaining rounds as failure drills from the left side of the barricade on both targets in their lane.
- K. After the line is holstered and safe, have the recruits move forward, evaluate the targets and mark the holes.
- L. Repeat the above listed drill as time permits
- M. When the shooters have completed the shooting drills, have them stand by at slide-lock waiting to be inspected by an instructor.
- N. Once the line has been cleared by the rangemaster, move forward, evaluate the targets, and give positive feedback to the recruits.
- O. 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, and to dry-practice.