

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 21-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: 9 ft line Failure Drills (1/2 hours)

- A. Explain and demonstrate firing Failure Drills from the 9 foot line .
 - 1. Explain the concept of accelerated pairs.
 - 2. Remind shooters to fire pairs to each body before firing the headshots.
 - 3 Remind shooters to manage their ammunition to avoid going to slide lock.
- B. Instruct the recruits to skip load three magazines to full capacity.
- C. Conduct drills to reinforce firing accelerated pairs at the 9 foot line.
- D. After the line has been cleared, move forward, evaluate the targets, and then replace the targets with clean targets.

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III. Live-Fire Range Drills: 36 ft line Body Shots

(1 hour)

- A. Explain and demonstrate firing Body Shots from the 36 foot line using the white post-type barricade
 - 1. Show movement into position up to the barricade
 - 2. Remind the shooters how to use the barricade for support and cover.
 - 3. Show the proper body movement when transitioning from one target to another.
 - 4. Remind the shooters that the command of “Body Shots” means two body shots on each target.
- B. Instruct the recruits to load three magazines to full capacity.
- C. 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 Body Shots on both targets in their lane.
 - 1. There should be a total of 4 rounds per phase.
 - 2. They should fire two body shots on each target , preferably beginning with the outside target.
 - 3. They should properly recover to the low ready by scanning and assessing.
 - 4. 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.
- D. Change the drill after firing 6 phases of Body Shots on the right side to having the recruits begin standing on the left side of their barricade and firing the remaining rounds as Body Shots from the left side of the barricade on both targets in their lane.
- E. After the line is holstered and safe, have the recruits move forward, evaluate the targets and mark the holes.
- F. Repeat the above listed drill as time permits
- G. When the shooters have completed the shooting drills, have them stand by at slide-lock waiting to be inspected by an instructor.
- H. Once the line has been cleared by the rangemaster, move forward, evaluate the targets, and give positive feedback to the recruits.
- I. Clean up and Conclusion
 - 1. Pick up all snapcaps 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.