

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone 07 – LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 22–Pistol Combat Drills

Hours: 3

LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 12)

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

I. Conduct drills to reinforce the previously taught pistol manipulation skills
(1 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

B. Conduct a weapon inspection of the class to verify that the pistols have been properly cleaned and lubricated.

II. 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.

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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

III. Live-Fire Range Drills: 75 ft line Body Shots using the Barricade (1/2 hour)

- A. Explain and demonstrate the double-kneeling position using the blue, wood barricades for cover and support at the 75 foot line.
 1. Explain how to comfortably and safely assume the kneeling position.
 2. Explain how to safely recover to the standing position (assess, stand, assess).
- B. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines 12L/ 3S.
- C. Have the recruits fire Body Shots on both targets in their lane using one skip loaded magazine from the 75 foot line while kneeling and using the blue, wood barricades for cover and support with NO time limit. Have them begin with an empty chamber. They should reload on their own and wait for commands in the kneeling position.
- D. Give commands to have the recruits stand together after each set of body shots (4 shots). Ensure that they properly scan and assess and safely holster. Repeat 2 more times. The recruits should reload using cover when they go to slide lock.
- E. Have the recruits move forward, evaluate the targets and mark the holes.
- F. Repeat the same process with the second magazine.
- G. Have them stand together and clear and holster an empty pistol.
- H. Again move forward, evaluate the targets, and then post a clean target.
- I. Instruct the recruits to load two magazines with 12 live rounds in each.
- J. Conduct a drill where the recruits begin standing behind the 75 foot line and move forward to the barricade at the 75 foot line when the targets face, kneel and fire two body shots on each target in their lane using the barricade for cover and support. Begin with a generous time limit at first, and then shorten the time as the recruits progress.
- K. Evaluate the targets after shooting the first magazine and mark the holes.
- L. Repeat the same drill with the second magazine.
- M. Move forward and evaluate the targets. If time permits, repeat the same drill. If time does not permit, remove the targets and replace with clean targets.

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IV. Live-Fire Range Drills: 21 & 30 ft line Failure Drills **(1 hour)**

- A. Instruct the recruits to load three magazines to capacity.
- B. Conduct drills to reinforce the shooters' ability to fire Failure Drills at the 30 foot line.
- C. Have the recruits begin off to the side of the barricade and move behind the barricade when they see the targets face.
- D. They may choose to use the barricade for support as well as cover. Explain that it takes a little longer to use the barricade for support, but may help them feel steadier while firing.
- E. After each Failure Drill, have the recruits properly recover to the holster. Have the recruits alternate sides after each Failure Drill so the recruit becomes comfortable shooting from each side of the barricade.
- F. Begin with generous time limits and shorten them as the recruits progress.
- F. Remind the recruits that it is their responsibility to manage their ammunition. No commands to reload will be given by the rangemaster.
- G. After firing from the 30 foot line, load the three magazines to capacity again and repeat the drill from the 21 foot line.
- H. When the drill is over, instruct the recruits to stand by at the low ready with their slides locked to the rear awaiting inspection by an instructor.
- I. 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.