

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Stand Alone 07 Firearms**  
**LD 35 Firearms**  
**Session No. 24–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

**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: Shoot / No-Shoot Targets**

**(1/2 hour)**

- A. Instruct the recruits to load three magazines to capacity.
- B. Dismiss the recruits off the range for a short break.
- C. Have the instructors set up a combination of silhouette and digital shoot / no-shoot targets.
  1. Silhouette targets are considered shoot targets.
  2. Set up 2 lanes with both No-Shoot targets.
  3. Set up several lanes with both Shoot target. These can be both digital, both silhouettes, or a combination of one of each.
  4. The remainder of the lanes should be set up as a combination of Shoot / No-Shoot targets.
  5. Set up just as many lanes with target combinations as there are shooters in the group.
- D. Give a briefing to the recruits outside the range as to how the Shoot / No-Shoot drill will be conducted.
- E. Ensure that the targets are faced away and instruct the recruits to enter the range and move forward in their lane to the 21 foot line.
- F. Conduct the drill by having the recruits start each stage with the gun in the holster.
- G. As a shooter runs out of ammo, have them clear and holster an empty pistol and then step back to the 36 foot line and stand by.
- H. When all the shooters have finished shooting, debrief the drill with the recruits. Allow instructors to comment on their observations of the recruits' performance.
- M. Have the instructors remove the targets and replace with clean silhouette targets while the recruits get instructions on how to load their magazines.

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**IV. Live-Fire Range Drills: 36 ft line Body Shots / Hostage Taker Headshots**  
**(1 hour)**

- A. Instruct the recruits to load three magazines to capacity.
- B. Conduct drills to reinforce the shooters' ability to fire Body Shots at the 36 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 set of body shots, 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 body shots from the 36 foot line, load the three magazines to capacity again and repeat the drill to include single headshots.
- 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.