

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone 7 – LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 36 – POST Pistol Night Combat Test

Hours: 4

LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Day Weeks 19-22 – Night 2 of 4 in Night Rotations)

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

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I. Night Two of Four – Nighttime Firearms Training and Testing

- A. Pistol with Attached Light (PWAL) Review and Training
 1. Review the Department policies listed on the PWAL Training Verification Forms.
 2. Remove and install the weapon light two times for review.
 3. Practice activating and deactivating the light while it is installed on the pistol.
Review the momentary and constant switch options for the specific models being used by the recruits.

- B. Live-fire Range Drills: PWAL Practice Drills
 1. Instruct the recruits to load 2 magazines with 15 live rounds in each magazine and report to the 30 foot line.
 2. Instruct the recruits that each time the targets face, they will draw and fire a failure drill on the right target. They should then properly holster and stand ready for the next time the targets face.
 - a. Activate the light with the trigger finger using the constant-on switch. Perform this four times from the holster.
 - b. Activate the light with the support-hand thumb using the momentary-on switch. Perform this three times from the holster.
 - c. Activate the light with the support-hand thumb using the constant-on switch. Perform this three times from the holster.
 - d. Have the recruits clear and holster an empty pistol.

- C. Live-fire Range Drills: Skip Loading Drills
 1. 10 L/ 5 S – 36 foot line, Slow Fire body shots on 1 target.
 2. 12 Live – 51 foot line, Slow Fire body shots on 1 target using the weapon light and kneeling behind the blue wood barricades. Recover to standing and perform this 6 times.
 3. 3L/ 6S – 75 foot line, Slow Fire body shots on 1 target using the weapon light and kneeling behind the blue wood barricades.
 4. 15 Live – 9 foot line, 1 Failure Drill using the weapon light.
36 foot line, 1 Failure Drill on 1 target using the weapon light and
1 Failure Drill on 2 targets.

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5. 10L/ 5S – 51 foot line, Slow Fire body shots on 1 target using the weapon light and kneeling behind the blue wood barricades.
 6. Clear and holster an empty pistol.
- D. Assemble the recruits together on Range B and conduct the walkthrough for the POST Pistol Night Combat Test. Remember to read the admonition also.
- E. Instruct the recruits to load 3 magazines to capacity to use for the test.

II. TEST: Conduct the POST Pistol Night Combat Test

- A. An exercise test that requires a student to demonstrate competency in combat shooting principles and tactics using a handgun, while wearing body armor and duty equipment under low light/night time conditions (for outdoor ranges testing must be done during the hours of darkness as defined in Vehicle Code Section 280) on a combat course of fire.**

The course of fire must simulate the physical and mental stress that would be most nearly created by actual field combat situations. The test will minimally include threat assessment, multiple targets, left and right handed shooting positions, multiple shooting positions, and the use of cover and concealment.

The student is required to fire a minimum of 30 rounds of service ammunition using a presenter approved service handgun, 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 fire.

The student will demonstrate competency in the following performance dimensions

- 1. Firearms Safety**
- 2. Mechanical Functions**
- 3. Manipulations**
- 4. Judgment/Decision Making**
- 5. Basic Shooting Principles**
- 6. Combat Shooting Principles/Tactics**
- 7. Flashlight/Lighting System/Existing Light**
- 8. Accuracy**

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- B. The course of fire is similar to POST Pistol Day Combat Test.
- C. The lighting is adjusted to low-light level, with rows 1,2, and 4 dimmed and row 3 is completely off.
- D. The recruits should use the attached weapon light during the test. Passing the test while correctly using the weapon light meets the PWAL qualification requirement.
- E. The grounds for disqualification, malfunctions, and alibis are the same as the Day Combat Pistol Test.
- F. The minimum score required to qualify is 60% or 230 points.
- G. It is recommended to allow 7-10 minutes for each pair of recruits to be tested. Therefore, depending on the size of the group, the instructor should manage the training and testing time accordingly.
- H. When all of the testing is completed, have the recruits clean up both ranges.
- I. Debrief the test with the recruits and give them their scores.
- J. Remind the recruits that tomorrow night they will take the POST Shotgun Night Basic Test.
- K. Also remind the recruits to leave the training facility grounds as a group.