

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
Stand Alone – LD 35 Firearms
Session No. 38 – POST Shotgun Night Combat Test

Hours: 4

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

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

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

- A. Assemble the recruits in the classroom and discuss the following topics
 1. Back-up flashlights, batteries, and colored filters.
 2. Back-up and Off-duty guns and equipment.
 3. Additional weapon information and switching calibers.
 4. Maintaining firearms proficiency and marksmanship throughout their entire career.
 - a. Dry practicing
 - b. Shooting practice at private ranges and on Department ranges.
 - c. Maintenance of firearms and equipment.
 5. Bring additional, personally owned, authorized weapons with them to their last firearms training session.

- B. While the recruits are in the classroom, one of the Primary Instructors should complete the PWAL paperwork.
 1. Ensure that the POST Training Roster is completed.
 2. Enter the recruits' PWAL information into the SQUAB system with the intent code set as YES and PWAL typed into the comments section.
 3. Complete the lower box on the PWAL Training Verification Form.
 4. Attach the Training Verification Forms to the POST Roster along with a SQUAB printout for each group.
 5. Upon completion of the entire class's night time firearms training, give the PWAL paperwork and rosters to Officer Kris Traynor in the admin office.

- C. Upon completion of the discussion in the classroom, dismiss the recruits to the range.

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- D. Live-fire range drills: Shotgun Night Combat Course Training
1. Note to the instructor that the recruits should utilize the shotgun slinging techniques as much as possible during this training session.
 2. Instruct the recruits that they will be firing slow-fire drills and timed-fire drills in order to prepare for the Shotgun Combat Test.
 3. The recruits will utilize their butt cuffs to carry and load ammunition from during this training.
 4. Refer to the LAPD Basic Firearms Manual, Appendix G for the Course of Fire for the POST Shotgun Combat Test.
 5. Practice Phase One at the 30 foot line.
 - a. Load 4 rounds and fire 6 body shots slow fire, alternating targets, including a speed reload: 1 right, 1 left, speed reload 2 rounds, 1 right, 1 left, 1 right, 1 left..
 - b. Load 4 rounds and fire 6 body shots in 25 seconds, alternating targets, including a speed reload: 1 right, 1 left, speed reload 2 rounds, 1 right, 1 left, 1 right, 1 left..
 6. Practice Phase Two, stage 1 at the 30 foot line.
 - a. Load 4 rounds and fire 2 body shots slow fire, alternating targets, 1 right, 1 left.
 - b. Load 4 rounds and fire 2 body shots in 4 seconds, alternating targets, 1 right, 1 left.
 7. Replace the targets with clean targets.
 8. Practice Phase Two, stage 2 at the 21 foot line. Instruct the recruits to remove the butt cuff from their shotgun for this stage of fire.
 - a. Load 4 rounds and fire 2 body shots slow fire, with the shotgun in the left hand, from the double-kneeling position and from the left side of the barricade on the left target. Properly recover to the standing position.
 - b. Then fire 2 body shots in 8 seconds, with the shotgun in the left hand, from the double-kneeling position and from the left side of the barricade on the left target. Properly recover to the standing position and verify that the shotgun is empty.
 - c. Load 4 rounds and fire 2 body shots slow fire, with the shotgun in the right hand, from the double-kneeling position and from the right side of the barricade on the right target. Properly recover to the standing position.
 - d. Then fire 2 body shots in 8 seconds, with the shotgun in the right hand, from the double-kneeling position and from the right side of the barricade on the right target. Properly recover to the standing position and verify that the shotgun is empty.
 - e. Load 2 rounds and fire 2 body shots in 8 seconds, with the shotgun in the recruit's choice of either hand, from the double-kneeling position and from the corresponding side of the barricade on the corresponding target. Properly recover to the standing position and verify that the shotgun is empty.
 9. Replace the targets with clean targets and instruct the recruits to mark two sets of targets with their names and serial numbers.
 10. Give the recruits a short break.

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II. TEST: Conduct the POST Shotgun Night Combat Test

- A. An exercise test that requires the student to demonstrate competency in combat shooting principles and tactics using a shotgun, 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 12 rounds of service ammunition using a presenter approved shotgun, with acceptable accuracy standards and under time restrictions established by the presenter.

The student is required to tactically load, unload and reload the shotgun 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/Light System/Existing Light**
- 8. Accuracy** **(LD 35 VII.H1-8)**

- B. The course of fire is similar to the POST Shotgun Day Combat Test.**
- C. The lighting is adjusted to low-light level, with row 1 dimmed and rows 2, 3, and 4 are completely off.**
- D. The grounds for disqualification, malfunctions, and alibis are the same as the Shotgun Day Combat Test.**
- E. Refer to the LAPD Basic Firearms Manual, Appendix G for the specifics on the course of fire for the POST Shotgun Night Combat Test.**
- F. The minimum score required to pass the POST Shotgun Night Combat Test is 60% or 33 points combined on both targets per phase. There is no minimum score required for an individual target.**
- G. When all of the testing is completed, have the recruits clean up the range.**
- H. Debrief the test with the recruits and give them their scores.**

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