

**LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Stand Alone 7 – LD 35 Firearms**  
**Session No. 39 – Intro to Dept 30-Round Pistol Qual Course**

Hours: 3

**LD 35 (RBC Calendar Location Week 18)**

LOCATION: Range

TRAINING NEEDS: None

HANDOUTS: None

**I. Introduction to the LAPD 30-round Combat Qualification Course**

- A. Assemble the class on the range in a class circle.
- B. Refer to the LAPD Basic Firearms Manual, Appendix K when explaining the course of fire and its corresponding scoring methodology.
- C. Refer to Appendix J when explaining the Department Qualification Schedule and qualification requirements. Explain how the FOS qualification fits into the Department Yearly Qualification requirements (during June & July).

**II. Live-Fire Range Drills: Skip Loading and Phases 4,3,2, and 1 Practice (1 hour)**

- A. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines with 6 live/ 3 snap caps in each magazine. Place both magazines in their magazine pouches. Then have them post a white plastic barricade at the 51 foot line.
- B. Conduct a drill where the recruits shoot one skip loaded magazine from the right side of the barricade on the right target and the other skip loaded magazine from the left side of the barricade on the left target. All shot are to be body shots with only a self-imposed time limit utilized by the individual shooter. When they are done, they should holster an empty pistol.
- C. When the line is safe, move forward and have the recruits mark the targets with a line from the 12 o'clock position.
- D. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines with 6 live/ 3 snap caps in each magazine. Place both magazines in their magazine pouches and report to the 36 foot line.
- E. Conduct a drill where the recruits shoot Phase 3 (2R/2L/2R) of the 30-round Department Qualification Course with no time limit. Repeat the sequence again with the second magazine with the emphasis that the shooter utilizes a self-imposed time limit of 1 body shot per second.
- F. When the line is safe, move forward and have the recruits mark the targets with a line from the 3 o'clock position.
- G. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines with 6 live/ 3 snap caps in each magazine. Place both magazines in their magazine pouches and report to the 30 foot line.

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- H. Conduct a drill where the recruits shoot Phase 2 (2 body shots in 2 seconds, 2L,2R,2L) with the skip loaded magazines. Repeat the sequence again with the second magazine with the emphasis that the shooter utilizes a self-imposed time limit of 1 body shot per second.
- I. When the line is safe, move forward and have the recruits mark the targets with a line from the 6 o'clock position.
- J. Instruct the recruits to skip load two magazines with 6 live/ 3 snap caps in each magazine. Place one magazine in their holstered pistol and the second skip loaded magazine in their first magazine pouch, and report to the 21 foot line.
- K. Conduct a drill where the recruits shoot Phase 1 (12 rounds in 25 seconds) of the 30-round Department Qualification Course with no time limit.
- L. When the line is safe, move forward and evaluate the targets. There is no need to mark these holes. Then have the recruits replace the targets with clean target.

**III. Live-Fire Range Drills: Department 30-round Qualification Course (2 hours)**

- A. Instruct the recruits to load 5 magazines with live-ammo in the following order: 6-7-6-6-5.
- B. Conduct a drill where the recruits fire the LAPD 30-round Combat Qualification Course to time limits and in its proper order. Allow the recruits to see their targets in between each phase of fire.
- C. Remind the shooters how to score the targets and then have them score their own targets. Then replace the targets with clean targets.
- D. Instruct the recruits to load 5 magazines with live-ammo in the following order: 7-6-6-5-6.
- E. Conduct a drill where the recruits shoot the LAPD 30-round Combat Qualification Course from back to front (Phase 4 first, then Phase 3,2, and finally 1). Allow the recruits to see their targets in between each phase of fire. If time allows, have them mark each phase of fire.  
Note: The loading sequence is different for this drill in order to accommodate the different shooting sequence.
- F. Have the recruits score their targets and then replace them with clean targets.
- G. Instruct the recruits to load 5 magazines with live-ammo in the following order: 6-7-6-6-5.
- H. Conduct a drill where the recruits fire the LAPD 30-round Combat Qualification Course to time limits and in its proper order. Do not allow them to see their targets in between each phase of fire for this drill. It should be run exactly as a Department Combat Qualification relay would be conducted.
- I. Have the recruits score their targets. It is not necessary to enter these scores into SQUAB at this time. Recruits will shoot this course of fire on their last training session and that is when they will be entered into SQUAB.
- J. After cleaning up the range, remind the recruits to read all of Appendix K in

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preparation for their LAPD Bonus Course training in their next training session.

**IV. Conduct Pistol Close-Contact, Live-Fire Training**

- A. Set up the wood frames that hang from the ceiling at the 9 foot line.
- B. Explain and demonstrate firing body shots from the close-contact position. Also demonstrate stepping back and firing an aimed headshot.
- C. Instruct the recruits to load 2 or 3 magazines with 15 live rounds, depending on the time.
- D. Divide the recruits into 3 or 4 groups, depending on the number of instructors and frames present.
- E. Each instructor will then conduct a drill to have each recruit shoot their pistol from the close-contact position at the 9 foot line. This will be a one-on-one drill with one recruit firing with one instructor per group at the same time. This ratio is to ensure safety on the range.
- F. The instructor may elect to change the target as the target becomes too shot up.
- G. After all of the groups have completed their training, instruct the recruits to clean up the range.
- H. The instructors should return the wood frames to the target repair area where they are normally stored.
- I. Debrief the training with the recruits and answer any questions.
- J. Remind the recruits to leave the training facility grounds as a group.