

**Los Angeles Police Department  
Less-Lethal Weapons Instructor 8 HRS)  
POST #1850-30985**

**Instructional Goal:** To provide students an opportunity to develop the training skills necessary to effectively teach the deployment of Direct Impact Less-Lethal 40mm Munitions in individual aggressive combative and Crowd Control. This Course complies with the legislative content and mandates of PC 835a.

**Performance Objectives:** Using lecture and learning activities the students will:

- Understand the Direct Impact system specifications
- Effectively deploy Direct Impact Less-Lethal Munitions
- Review use of force guidelines
- Effectively teach the deployment of Direct Impact Less-Lethal 40mm Munitions
- Review De-escalation
- Complete Written Test
- Complete Live Fire Qualification Course

**I. LESS-LETHAL 40MM MUNITIONS INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW 0800-0900 (60 Min)**

A. Introduction

1. Instructor(s)
  - a. Name, Assignment
  - b. Experience
  - c. Distribute POST roster
2. A copy of the Safety Guidelines will be available for the students
3. A copy of Directive 16, Tactical De-Escalation will be available for the students
4. Student Introductions
  - a. Name
  - b. Area/Division
  - c. Assignment/Unit
5. Student attire and equipment inspection
  - a. Ensure students are wearing the proper attire
    - 1) Sturdy closed toe footwear and closed neck shirt
    - 2) All sworn personnel shall have their uniform and appropriate field equipment readily available
  - b. Equipment
    - 1) Personnel shall bring their duty equipment belt minus their duty weapon and OC spray
    - 2) Eye protection is required

B. Purpose, De-Escalation

1. Reverence for human life
  - a. Ask – Why are we here? What is the purpose of this training?
    - 1) We value human life
    - 2) Training will equip officers to preserve life
    - 3) This reverence is our guiding principle in everything we do, particularly with regard to use of force
  - b. Ask – What is the goal of any tactical situation?
    - 1) Preservation of life
      - a) Officers lives
      - b) The community/people in our city
      - c) The suspects' lives

- 2) Control the situation
  - a) Control the suspect
  - b) Self-control
    - i Prevent excessive use of force
    - ii Practice Tactical De-escalation Techniques
- 3) This training day will give officers additional tools to control the suspect, the situation, and preserve life
- c. Ask – When we demonstrate a reverence for human life, what effect does it have on our communities?
  - 1) Builds public trust
  - 2) Opens the door for better relationships
  - 3) Helps us establish partnerships
  - 4) Demonstrates Procedural Justice in our policing
- C. Brief overview of goals and objectives
  - 1. Teaching Direct Impact Less-Lethal 40mm Munitions in Individual and Crowd Control
    - a. Quality Through Improving Technology and Training
    - b. A less-lethal use of force option for Individual and Mobile Field Force Deployment
    - c. Used against individual and individuals in crowds that are displaying aggressive/combative behavior
    - d. For **target** specific individuals
  - 2. 40 mm Foam Baton Round
    - a. History: First tested by Metropolitan Division after 1992 Civil Unrest
    - b. Approved for individual(s) and during crowds that are displaying aggressive/combative behavior
    - c. For **target** specific individuals

**Note:** The uses of LL Munitions are tools to gain control and safely resolve most situations. Tactical situations vary and there is no single solution to resolving every incident<sup>1</sup>.

## II. WEAPON SYSTEM OVERVIEW

0900-1030 (90 Min)

- A. **LECTURETTE:** Presentation on Aggressive/Combative and Crowd Control use of less-lethal munitions
- B. Dedicated Extended Range Kinetic Energy Impact Devices
  - 1. Remington 870 12 GA Bean bag Shotgun<sup>2</sup>
  - 2. Less-Lethal 40mm Launchers
  - 3. Less-Lethal FN303 Compressed Air Launcher
- C. **LECTURETTE:** 40mm eXact Impact Spong Round<sup>3</sup>
  - 1. Diameter: 1.6 in diameter/40mm projectile
  - 2. Length: 4 in/10.2 cm
  - 3. Velocity: approximately 300-325 fps/99-103 mps
  - 4. Minimum Safe Range: 5 ft/1.5 m
  - 5. Maximum Effective Range: 131 ft/40 m
  - 6. Projectile Material: Foam
  - 7. Height: 2.48 in/6.3 cm

<sup>1</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques

<sup>2</sup> Directive No. 6.2, Use of Force-Tactics and Directives, Beanbag Shotgun

<sup>3</sup> Defense Technology, The Safariland Group, 1855 South Loop, Casper, WY, 82601 / [www.defense-technology.com/](http://www.defense-technology.com/) / (800) 347-1200, Rev. 08/2017

8. Weight: 0.91 oz/26 g
9. Warranty: 5 years from date of manufacture
10. LAPD optimum qualification distance: 75 ft/25 yards
11. Optimal ranges is between five (5) and forty five (45) feet (15 yards)
  - **Great Bodily Injury or death may occur if fired at the head, neck, spine, or chest**

D. **LECTURETTE:** Super-Sock Crowd Control deployment criteria<sup>4</sup>

1. Less-lethal munitions<sup>5</sup>
  - a. Less-lethal munitions maybe deployed in the following situations:
    - 1) On aggressive and/or combative suspects in a crowd control situation **(117 e)**
    - 2) On suspects who are a potential threat to themselves or others
    - 3) On suspects armed with weapons other than firearms
    - 4) On suspects displaying “aggressive or combative” actions
      - Aggressive/combative actions include ongoing destruction of property that presents a threat to the personal safety of officers
      - Continual assessment of LL Munitions’ effectiveness shall determine if other options may provide a safe resolution to each encounter<sup>6</sup>
  - b. Less-lethal munitions should not be used:
    - 1) On a lawfully dispersing crowd or individual
    - 2) Against a person or crowd that is retreating unless the person or crowd continues to engage in unlawful activity that is aggressive/combative
2. Used for target specific demonstrators only
3. Only 40mm Less Lethal Munitions Certified officers may deploy the 40mm eXact Impact Rounds
4. 40mm Less-Lethal munitions shall be fired out of designated less lethal launchers
5. The engagement distance is between five (5) feet and seventy-five (75) feet. Engaging munitions on suspects at less than five (5) feet or more than seventy-five (75) is generally prohibited
6. **It is recommended that the aiming point be the belt line navel area.** Depending on target area availability, alternate targets may include, leg or arms
7. A verbal warning shall be issued to the individual and/or crowd if practical, that if they do not cease their aggressive/combative or criminal behavior, Less Lethal Munitions may be deployed<sup>7</sup>
8. If hit the suspect(s) shall receive medical treatment at an approved department facility as soon as practical<sup>8</sup>
9. The incident shall be fully documented<sup>9</sup>:
  - a. As a Use of Force and/or,
  - b. ICS 214 Form, or;
  - c. After Actions Report
10. Crowd Control Situations:
  - a. A use of force which occurs during a crowd-control situation, not involving an isolated altercation between an officer(s) and a suspect(s), shall be reported by the involved officer(s) to the immediate supervisor as soon as practical<sup>10</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Directive No. 11, Use of Force-Tactics and Directives, CROWD MANAGEMENT, INTERVENTION, AND CONTROL

<sup>5</sup> Less-lethal munitions-NLG v. COLA CV 01-6877 FMC

<sup>6</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques

<sup>7</sup> HRB Notice, Verbal Warning Requirement for a Use of Force-Revised

<sup>8</sup> T. B. Vol. XXXV, Issue 6, Use of Force Side Handle and Collapsible Batons

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<sup>10</sup> T. B. Vol. XXXV, Issue 6, Use of Force Side Handle and Collapsible Batons

- b. In isolated use of force incidents, officers and supervisors shall follow non-categorical reporting procedures<sup>11</sup>

E. **LECTURETTE:** 40 mm Launcher

1. There are several models of 40 mm launchers
2. **Only Defense Technology eXact Impact Spong Rounds are Authorized**
3. Defense Technology "40 mm Launchers," 1325 and 1425
  - a. Single shot only
  - b. Capable of either single or double action. Must be fired double action only (Do not thumb cock the hammer or fire the launcher in single action mode)
  - c. Folding rear sight for use with extended range munitions (do not use the folding rear sight with Multiple Foam Baton Round, leave the rear sight in the down position (if applicable to the launcher)
  - d. Pre-Approved, optional red dot or holographic optical systems
  - e. Nylon sling
4. Penn Arms 40mm Pump Multi-Launcher (Metropolitan Division)
  - a. Multiple round capacity (generally 4-6 rounds)
  - b. Double action only
  - c. Fixed rear sight with either a metal bead or plastic ramp front sight
  - d. Pre-Approved, optional red dot or holographic optical systems
  - e. Nylon sling

H. **LECTURETTE:** 40 mm Munitions

1. Original manufactured munitions
2. Used against aggressive/combative individuals and demonstrators **(117 e)**
3. **ONLY** 40 mm Less Lethal Munitions Certified officers may deploy 40mm munitions
4. The 40 mm munitions shall only be fired out of 40 mm launchers
5. The engagement distance is between ten (10) feet and one hundred-ten (110) feet
6. **It is recommended that the aiming point be the belt line navel area.** Depending on target area availability, alternate targets may include, leg or arms
7. A verbal warning shall be issued to the individual and/or crowd if practical, that if they do not de-escalate or disperse, Less Lethal Munitions may be deployed<sup>12</sup>
8. The suspect (s), if hit with less-lethal munitions, shall receive medical treatment at an approved Department facility or contract hospital as soon as practical<sup>13</sup>
  - Some injury to a suspect caused by an impact from less-lethal projectiles should be expected to achieve compliance
9. The incident (isolated) shall be fully documented
10. Use of Force Report (Consistent with Department policy on Less Lethal Impact devices)
11. Crowd Control Situations (used on target specific aggressive combative individuals)
12. A use of force, which occurs during a crowd-control situation, involving an isolated incident between an officer(s) and a suspect(s), shall be reported by the involved officer(s) to the immediate supervisor as soon as practical
  - a. Use of Force on individuals taken into custody, 15.07 Report on non-human strikes
  - b. ICS 214 Form
  - c. After Action Report
13. In the event of a Categorical use of force incident, adhere to protocols consistent with tactical situation
  - Continual assessment of LL Munitions' effectiveness shall determine if other options may provide a safe resolution to each encounter<sup>14</sup>

K. **LECTURETTE:** Storage, Issuance, and Cleaning

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<sup>11</sup> Los Angeles Police Department Manual 4/245 Employee involved use of force incidents

<sup>12</sup> HRB Notice, Verbal Warning Requirement for a Use of Force-Revised

<sup>13</sup> T. B. Vol. XXXV, Issue 6, Use of Force Side Handle and Collapsible Batons

<sup>14</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques

1. Storage of 40 mm Launchers and Munitions shall be stored in the Kit Rooms or issued to certified field personnel
  - a. Metropolitan Division Personnel may be issued 40mm Less Lethal Launchers and secured with the same protocols as issued firearms
  - b. The Area/Division armorer or Training Coordinator is responsible for the care and cleaning of 40 mm launchers and ordering Munitions from (Firearms Training Unit) FTU
2. Issuance
  - a. Only certified (Less-Lethal) officers may be issued or deploy the 40 mm launcher and Baton Rounds
3. Cleaning
  - a. Smokeless powder is corrosive and must be completely removed from the 40 mm launcher after every live fire deployment
  - b. The barrel shall be cleaned after firing by the Area/Division Armorer as soon as possible
  - c. Clean the barrel with a bore brush, hot water, and a rag
  - d. Wipe the launcher dry
    - Apply a light coat of oil in the barrel for rust prevention. Oil the action and the barrel hinge

### III. DEPLOYMENT

1030-1130 (60 Min)

- A. **LECTURETTE:** Use of Force Guidelines<sup>15</sup> (117 e)
1. Deorle v. Rutherford, 242 F.3d 1119, 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit 2001, a verbal warning shall be given, “when feasible”, to a suspect(s) before any impact device that poses a “significant risk of serious injury” is utilized<sup>16</sup>
    - a. **Attempt to Verbalize/De-escalate the situation when feasible**
    - b. The verbal warning should be issued by the “Suspect Communications/Verbalization Officer.” The suspects should be informed that failure to comply will result in the use of impact munitions
    - c. During crowd control incidents, the warning is included in the dispersal order. A supervisor squad leader will issue the proper command (Less-Lethal Up). In the event a dispersal order is not given, MFF leader or squad leader will advise the crowd by bullhorn of less-lethal munition’s deployment and dispersal protocols
    - d. The term “less-lethal” or “Baton rounds, fire!” in itself does not satisfy the pre-use of force warning requirement
    - e. When determining if it is “feasible” to issue a verbal warning, the tactical situation and the element of surprise must be evaluated but not compromised
  2. California Penal Code 835(a)<sup>17</sup> states that force may be used only to:
    - a. Effect an arrest
    - b. Prevent escape
    - c. Overcome resistance
  3. Department Use of Force policy<sup>18</sup> states that force must be:
    - a. A last resort
    - b. Reasonable
    - c. Based on known facts at the time
    - d. Defensive or reactive
    - e. Use of force policy does not change in crowd control situations

<sup>15</sup> Directive No. 1.1, Use of Force-Tactics and Directives, USE OF FORCE POLICY

<sup>16</sup> HRB Notice, Verbal Warning Requirement for a Use of Force-Revised

<sup>17</sup> California Penal Code Section 835a

<sup>18</sup> T. B Vol. XXXV, Issue 20, Use of Force; OC

Note: The Department is guided by the principle of Reverence for Human Life in all encounters between officers and members of the public<sup>19</sup>.

4. Less-Lethal Use of Force Policy<sup>20</sup>
  - a. Defined: Projectiles which are launched or otherwise deployed, for the purposes of overcoming resistance, preventing escape, effecting arrest, reducing serious injury and are without significant likelihood of causing death
  - b. Categories: Less-lethal munitions are divided into two broad categories:
    - 1) **Target specific:** Any less-lethal munitions that is fired at a specific identifiable target for the purpose of selectively and temporarily incapacitating the individual or cause the individual to stop the aggressive/combative actions
    - 2) **Non-target specific munitions:** Any less-lethal munitions fired in front of a crowd for the purpose of crowd control or crowd dispersal. 37 mm Multiple Foam Baton Rounds shall be used as a non-target specific crowd dispersal tool  
**Note:** The 40mm eXact Impact Round is a target specific munition
5. Types of Munitions
  - a. Target specific less-lethal impact munitions include, but are not limited to
    - 1) 12-gauge Super-Sock
    - 2) 40 mm munitions, and
    - 3) Compressed Air Projectile Systems (CAPS) when directed at a specific target
  - b. Non-target Specific less-lethal impact munitions include, but are not limited to;
    - 1) 37 mm Multiple Foam Rubber Baton rounds
    - 2) 37 mm Rubber Ball "Stinger" Projectiles
6. Only Department certified personnel shall deploy 40mm less-lethal weapons and munitions
  - a. Only personnel specifically trained and certified in the use of the target specific and non-target specific munitions shall be authorized to deploy these munitions
  - b. Deployment of the munitions, including minimum and maximum standoff distances, carrying, target location, care, cleaning, and maintenance shall be conducted in accordance with approved Training Division lesson plans and guidelines
  - c. The certification and re-certification for crowd control (aggressive/combative target specific demonstrators) deployment should be reviewed prior to crowd management/control assignment
7. Authority to Deploy Munitions in Crowd Control Situations
  - a. The use of the target specific and non-target specific munitions may be authorized by the Incident Commander, Captain or above
  - b. When authorized by the Incident Commander, the MFF Leader and/or any supervisory squad leader has the authority to direct the deployment of impact munitions by trained and certified Department personnel
  - c. The Incident Commander has the authority to approve the use of less lethal munitions to deny access, disperse unruly crowds or overcome resistance
  - d. Deployment of less-lethal munitions is generally restricted to the following situations:

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<sup>19</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques

<sup>20</sup> T. B., Vol. XXXV, Issue 20, Use of Force; OC

- 1) A crowd or mob has gathered unlawfully; and,
  - 2) Presents threats or actual acts of violence, vandalism, battery, arson, or riot; and,
  - 3) Refuses to comply with the lawful directions of a police officer; and,
  - 4) Incident Commander approval has been obtained; and,
  - 5) Trained personnel are at scene and available to deploy the appropriate projectiles
8. Use of Force Reporting for Less-Lethal Munitions<sup>21</sup> (117 d)  
 Crowd Control situations
- a. A use of force that occurs during a crowd control situation, not involving an isolated altercation between an officer(s) and a suspect(s), shall be reported to the immediate supervisor as soon as practical
  - b. The concerned supervisor shall document such incidents on a ICS 214 form, or an incident after-action report; whichever is appropriate, at the direction of the incident commander
  - c. Isolated use of force incidents with the 40mm (non-categorical and categorical) protocols will be followed as soon as tactically sound to do so

**B. *GROUP DISCUSSION:*** Overview Safety Plan; Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP)

**Purpose:** To review the IIPP and insure a safe learning environment

**Procedures:** Large group discussion

1. Distribute and discuss safety guidelines handout
2. IIPP safety guidelines apply to all training given by the Department. These guidelines ensure that staff and participants are aware of potentially hazardous situations and how to avoid them
3. All personnel should be instructed that a copy of the IIPP is located in the training supervisor's office at that particular training site
4. Anyone participating in the training, whether student, observer, or instructor, has the authority to "STOP" the exercise if they observe an unsafe act or condition that may cause imminent injury or death and/or damage to the facilities
5. Protective eyewear and ear protection American National Standards Institute (ANSI) approved shall be worn if blanks or live-fire rounds are used during a practical application or during any demonstration using the same
6. Students shall immediately notify an instructor(s) or the training staff of any injury sustained during training, and use the following steps in the event of a serious injury
  - a. Render first aid and obtain appropriate medical assistance. Notify the Fire Department rescue ambulance (213-485-6185) via telephone, cellular phone, or police radio. Give specific directions to the location of the incident
  - b. In case of a serious injury, all IIPP notifications and protocol shall be followed
  - c. At each training location, there is a notebook located in the training unit's office also containing the emergency plan that is in place
  - d. The supervisor will ensure that the necessary worker compensation forms (PDAS-43) and other reports (Employee Notification Form 15.7) are completed in a timely manner
  - e. Transport to the local hospital for a minor injury

**C. *GROUP DISCUSSION:*** The Four Basic Firearm Safety Rules

**Purpose:** To review the Four Basic Safety Rules by causing the student to think about and consider their importance and application on the range as well as in the field

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<sup>21</sup> Los Angeles Police Department Manual 4/245 Employee involved use of force incidents

**Procedures:** Large group discussion

1. Conduct an open discussion that will cause the student to review and think about the importance of the Four Basic Firearm Safety Rules
  - a. All guns are always loaded
  - b. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you are not willing to shoot
  - c. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are aligned on the target and you intend to shoot
  - d. Be sure of your target
2. Reinforce that these rules apply to all tactical situations and exercises
3. **ASK** questions about the application of the Four Basic Firearms Safety Rules and solicit their responses. Use the following examples or some of your own

**D. LEARNING ACTIVITY:** Situation Application

1. **ASK:** If a passively resisting crowd gathers and becomes very loud and vocal, can 40mm sXact Impact Foam Rounds be utilized? **(117 e)**
  - a. **No**
  - b. 40mm eXact Impact Foam Rounds are for use during Mobile Field Force Deployment against individuals in crowds that are displaying aggressive/combatative behavior
2. **ASK:** When can 40mm eXact Impact Foam Rounds be fired directly into a crowd?
  - a. **Never**
  - b. They are a target specific munition
3. **ASK:** When can a 40mm eXact Impact Round be fired directly at an individual in the crowd?
  - a. When the individual is exhibiting aggressive/combatative behavior by throwing missiles at officers, or other person(s)
  - b. Those identified as accomplices (providing direction or objects to be thrown) should be arrested when tactically feasible
4. **ASK:** If the crowd advances to less than five feet from the Less-Lethal officers or Skirmish Line and the order to fire is given, should the Less Lethal 40mm officer(s) fire?
  - a. **No**
  - b. The minimum deployment distance is five feet, the Less Lethal officers should hold their fire until they are at least five to ten feet from the individual in the crowd. The verbal warning should be issued by the "Suspect Communications/Verbalization Officer." The suspects should be informed that failure to comply will result in the use of impact munitions
    - \* The term "less lethal" or "Baton rounds, standby!" in itself does not satisfy the pre-use of force warning requirement
    - \*When determining if it is "feasible" to issue a verbal warning, the tactical situation and the element of surprise must be evaluated but not compromised

Note: Tactical de-escalation does not require that an officer compromise his or her safety or increase the risk of physical harm to the public<sup>22</sup>.

5. There is an aggressive/combatative instigator in the crowd whose actions warrant his arrest. There are no Bean Bag Shotguns, 40 mm Sponge Round, or FN303 Direct Impact weapon systems available.

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<sup>22</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques

6. **ASK:** Can 40 mm eXact Impact Foam Rounds be fired at a non-aggressive/combative instigator to affect his arrest? **(117 f)**
- a. **No**
  - b. 40mm Foam Rounds shall be used only as a target specific tool against aggressive/combative individuals in a crowd who pose a threat to officers or others (i.e throwing projectiles/missiles)
7. **ASK:** If a less-lethal incident quickly changes to a lethal force situation can the less-lethal weapon be deployed
- a. **Yes**
  - b. If the suspect/individual's actions rise to a level where lethal force is now an option, the officer may use the Less-Lethal device as a lethal force option if necessary
8. **ASK:** When should an officer assess the effectiveness of a LL Munition deployment?
- a. After each deployment.  
\*Officers should continually assess the situation as circumstances change and new information is received<sup>23</sup>.
9. Certain identified aggressive/combative demonstrators are throwing objects at officers in a skirmish line. A dispersal order has been given. "Less-Lethal Up" has been ordered, the less-lethal officers' step forward began to fire 40 mm eXact Impact munitions. Can the officers armed with target specific munitions fire at the involved suspects?
- a. **Yes**
  - b. 40 mm exact impact (Super Sock or FN303 direct impact munitions) shall be used only as target specific suspects who are exhibiting aggressive / combative behavior
  - c. When tactically feasible, the identified suspects shall be arrested

**NOTE:** Appropriate medical attention protocols shall be followed, should the suspect be apprehended).

#### IV. STUDENT TEACH-BACKS

**1130-1300 (90 Min)**

- A. Each student will choose a topic for teach-back to the other students in the course
- B. Up to 5-minute presentation (i.e. Four Basic Firearms Safety Rules)

#### V. WRITTEN TEST

**1400-1500 (60 Min)**

- A. Administer written test
- B. Review and Grade test

#### VI. RANGE TRAINING PREVIEW

**1500-1600 (60 Min)**

- A. Manipulations: 40 mm Launcher (Tactical deployment)
  1. Loading
    - a. Focus should be on the possible threat(s)
    - b. Raise the action release, and open the action exposing the barrel chamber
    - c. Insert one 40 mm round and verify that it is fully seated in the chamber
    - d. Close the action
  2. Unloading
    - a. Secure stock under strong arm
    - b. Raise the action release and fully open the action

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<sup>23</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques

- a. Extract the round or empty casing
  - b. Close the action
3. Reloading
- Raise the action release and fully open the action
  - Extract the round or empty casing
  - Properly discard casing, right or left of skirmish line (contact team)
  - Insert one round with proper “soda-can” grip\
  - Close the action
4. Ensure all students are test on their ability to correctly manipulate the 40mm Less-Lethal Launcher
- B. Prepare the range (Tactical Qualification)
- 1. Each student officer will have two (2) targets (designated A & B)
  - 2. Each student will fire a total of five (5) 40mm rounds from various distances (in Yards: 3, 7, 15, and 25)
  - 3. Safety
    - a. Eye protection is mandatory
    - b. Hearing protection is recommended
- C. Prepare the range (Crowd Control)
- 1. Each student officer will have two (2) targets (designated A & B)
  - 2. Each student will fire a total of five (5) 40mm rounds from various distances
  - 4. Set up cones to simulate skirmish line at fifteen (15) yards from targets
  - 5. Review live fire qualification course (40 mm timed course of fire phase)
  - 6. Safety
    - a. Eye protection is mandatory
    - b. Hearing protection is recommended
  - 7. 40mm munitions for crowd control Qualification Course (5-Rounds & 2 “Dummy Rounds”)
  - 8. Stage student officers approximately six (6) feet behind the skirmish line (cones)
  - 9. On command: “Less-Lethal Up,” the officers step forward (between the cones) six (6) steps in front of the skirmish line and fire one (1) round on target A
    - This will be used as a sighting round
  - 10. Immediately rack the action, and reload one (1) round from the side saddle (Butt stock shouldered or underarm control position, muzzle slightly depressed)
    - Instructor verifies correct shot placement before continuing
  - 11. Less Lethal officers return to start point behind skirmish line and go to low-ready
  - 12. Repeat: “Less-Lethal Up,” the officers step forward (between the cones) six (6) steps in front of the skirmish line and fire two (2) rounds (one on target A and one on target B)
  - 13. Immediately rack the action, instantaneously reload two (2) rounds from the side saddle (Butt stock shouldered or underarm control position, muzzle slightly depressed)
  - 14. Repeat step “5” phase of fire “**on the move**” toward targets A and B (stop at 3 yard line) Reload 2 “dummy rounds” from side saddle

**Note:** The student officer’s score on the score sheet (Refer to Qualification Course for scoring process)

## VII. POLICE THE RANGE

**1600-1630 (30 Min)**

- A. Ensure all equipment accounted for and secured
- B. Range is clean and serviceable

## VIII. DEBRIEF AND CRITIQUES

**1630-1700 (30 Min)**

- A. Review and Debrief key learning points

1. Officer must have a clear understanding of the criteria for deployment of Less-Lethal munitions in order to effectively teach the deployment for crowd control situations
  2. Used against individuals in crowds that are displaying individual aggressive/combatative behavior
  3. 40mm eXact Impact Rounds shall be used as a target specific munition
  4. 40mm eXact Impact Rounds shall be used on target specific demonstrator's throwing missiles at officers or other person(s) and other described situations involving identified accomplices, within a crowd control environment
  5. Great Bodily Injury or death may occur if fired at the head, neck, spine, chest, groin and kidneys.
  6. 40 mm exact impact (sponge round) is a target specific weapon. Targeted areas exclude the head, neck spine, chest, groin and kidneys.
  7. Uses of LL Munitions are additional De-Escalation options/tools for the Department.
  8. Review P.A.T.R.O.L. acronym<sup>24</sup>.
- B. Critiques/Dismiss class

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<sup>24</sup> LAPD Use of Force Tactics Directive Directive No. 16, Tactical De-Escalation Techniques