

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

NOTICE

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July 22, 2024

TO: All Department Personnel

FROM: Chief of Police

SUBJECT: BONUS QUALIFICATION COURSE – EXPECTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

The Department Bonus Qualification Course (bonus course) is an optional, non-instructional assessment made available to sworn Department employees. The bonus course is offered as an opportunity for officers to demonstrate their proficiency through repetition and timing in the prescribed competitive course of fire, and to practice skills that are taught in other courses. The bonus course is not a foundational or enhanced shooting skills course. The foundation of Department training occurs through firearms training, including Academy instruction, instructor schools, and perishable skills training.

Department training does not allow officers in the field to place their finger on the trigger of their firearm prior to having their sights aligned on target and having the intention to shoot. Basic Firearms Safety Rule No. 3 states “Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are aligned on the target and you intend to shoot.”

When not involved in qualifying or training on a Department-approved course of fire under the supervision of a certified firearms instructor, officers shall not have their finger on the trigger of their firearm unless their sights are aligned on the target and they intend to shoot. Per the Department *Firearms Manual, April 2022*, “Trigger control begins when the decision to shoot has been made, the shooter lines up the sights and places the trigger finger on the trigger.”

Any questions regarding this notice should be directed to Lieutenant Andrew Cullen, Serial No. 39201, Training Bureau, at (213) 486-7090.



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