

## **FIREARMS/TACTICAL RIFLE COURSE**

Folsom Police Department (5990-32078)

CCN: 32079-5990 | POST Certification II | Reimbursement Plan \_\_\_ | 4 hours

**COURSE GOAL:** To provide students with the minimum topics of tactical firearms and lethal force required in the POST Perishable Skills training Program (PSP). This course will provide the student with refresher training on the use of the patrol rifle. It will provide ongoing, advanced training and skill building for patrol carbine operators. This is refresher training for previously P.O.S.T. certified Patrol Rifle operators.

**AUDIENCE:** Sworn Peace Officers, including Level I and Level II Reserve Officers who are updating skills with a patrol rifle. They will qualify and carry the patrol rifle on duty in the scope of their employment

**NOTE:** Successful completion of this course satisfies the legislative training mandate to possess short barrel rifles as specified in Penal Code section 33220(b) and the Commission training requirement to possess long barrel rifles as specified in Commission Regulation 1081.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Under the supervision of a qualified instructor, and using an approved law enforcement rifle, each student will:

- I. Demonstrate their understanding of the Four Basic Safety Rules for handling firearms.
- II. Demonstrate the ability to field strip the weapon and to properly clean and maintain it.
- III. Be provided with and demonstrate understanding of the agency policy regarding the use of firearms.
- IV. Demonstrate the ability to properly load, unload, and fire the weapon and to clear malfunctions that might occur with the weapon.
- V. Demonstrate the ability to apply the fundamentals for rifle marksmanship to fire accurately from the prone, kneeling, sitting and standing positions.
- VI. Demonstrate proficiency with the weapon and obtain agency qualification.

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**REQUIRED CONTENT**

Commission Regulation 1081

- a. Law Update
- b. Review of Use of Force Issues, Agency Policies, and Mission
- c. Safety Issues
- d. Tactical Considerations
- e. Skill Development and Qualification
- f. Firearm Care, Breakdown, and Cleaning

**EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE**

- I. Laws and Agency Policy **(a,b)**
  - A. Penal Code section 32610(b)
    - 1. Possession of Within Scope of Employment
  - B. Penal Code section 33220(b)
    - 1. Training requirement
  - C. Folsom Police Departments Firearms Use and Use of Force Policies
    - 1. Use of Force options
    - 2. Department Policy
  - D. Law Update
    - 1. Tennessee vs. Garner
    - 2. Graham vs. Conner
    - 3. PC 835a
  
- II. Safety and Range Rules **(c)**
  - A. The Four Basic Safety Rules include
    - 1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded.
    - 2. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy.
    - 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on the target.
    - 4. Always be sure of your target and beyond.
  - B. Range Rules
    - 1. Follow all Instructors' commands
    - 2. Strict Weapon Discipline and Muzzle Control
    - 3. After weapons have been grounded, and the line has been called safe by an instructor do not touch the weapon until all students are back from their targets, and the instructor has given the okay.
    - 4. If a problem arises on the line, raise your non-gun-hand to summon an instructor.
  - C. Safety Briefing/first aid procedures to include:

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1. Provide all students with the Safety plan
2. Radio/telephone procedures
3. AED locations
4. Trauma Kit location
5. Location of closet medical/trauma facility

### III. Basic Shooting Skills (d,e)

- A. Stance/Position
  1. Standing
  2. Kneeling
  3. Sitting
  4. Prone
- B. Sight Alignment/Picture
  1. Sight Alignment
  2. Top of front sight post centered in the rear peep.
  3. 100 percent focus is on the top edge of the front sight post. The rear peep and target are blurred.
  4. Instructor will illustrate proper sight alignment.
- C. Sight Picture
  1. Defined as the relationship of sight alignment to the target.
- D. Trigger Control
  1. Emphasize that this is the single most important element.
  2. Shooter must apply gradual pressure on the trigger for a surprise trigger break so as to not disturb sight alignment when the shot is made.
- E. Grip/Stock Weld
- F. Breathing
  1. Breath must be held at the moment the shot is made.
  2. Breathing while firing will cause vertical stringing of shots.
  3. Holding breath too long will cause vision to blur and muscles to tremble, so the shot must be made before this happens.
- G. Follow Through
  1. Maintain all the elements throughout the shot.

### IV. Clearing Malfunctions and Stoppages (d,e)

- A. In close quarter confrontations, consider transitioning to the handgun
- B. Failure to fire
  1. "Tap, Rack, Assess"
    - a. Seat magazine by hitting it with heel of hand
    - b. Pull bolt to rear and release
    - c. Obtain sight picture
    - d. Assess if follow-up shots are necessary
  2. Stove pipe
    - a. Tilt rifle so that ejection port faces the ground
    - b. Pull bolt to rear and release

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- c. Obtain sight picture
- d. Assess if follow-up shots are necessary
3. Feed way stoppages
  - a. Lock the bolt to the rear
  - b. Remove the magazine from the weapon
    1. Discard magazine
  - c. Clear live rounds from the receiver and chamber
  - d. Insert a fresh loaded magazine
  - e. Chamber a round
  - f. Obtain sight picture
  - g. Assess if follow-up shots are necessary

### **V. Skill Development (d,e)**

- A. Dry Firing Exercises
  1. Done on the range under the direct supervision of the instructors.
  2. Dry fire each position (standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone).
- B. Live Firing Exercises
  1. Done on the range under the direct supervision of the instructors.
  2. Live fire each position (standing, kneeling, sitting, and prone).
  3. Live fire at various distances based on agency mission and environment.
  4. Live fire at multiple targets.
  5. Precision shooting exercises.
  6. Reloading and firing exercises.
  7. Malfunction exercises.
  8. Move and fire exercises.
  9. Close quarter tactical shooting.

### **VI. Testing and Remediation (e)**

- A. Qualification
  1. Students will shoot the current version of the department's rifle qualification course at the time of the class
  2. Students will pass when at or above the minimum score
  3. Student's ability to safely handle the weapons and follow range safety rules will be taken into account with qualification.
  4. Unsafe students or students with negligence will fail immediately and will be allowed to remediate at a predetermined time.

### **VII. Nomenclature and Maintenance (f)**

- A. Rifle Nomenclature
- B. Disassembly/Assembly, Care and Maintenance
  1. Refer to the manufacturer's care and operation manual.

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