

EL CENTRO POLICE DEPARTMENT
16 HOUR FIREARMS/TACTICAL RIFLE
Course Control #3620-3275-19
EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE
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Purpose:

Designed for field officers who are authorized to carry a tactical rifle. Emphasis on the AR-15/M-16 short barrel rifle. Successful completion of this course satisfies the legislative training mandate to possess short barrel rifles as specified in California Penal Code section 33220(B) and the commission training requirement to possess long barrel rifle as specified in commission regulation 1081.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Safety Briefing, introduction, registration, and orientation
 - 1. Course Objectives and Exercises
 - 2. Four firearm safety rules
 - a. Treat every weapon as if it were loaded
 - b. Never point the weapon at anything you don't want to shoot
 - c. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire
 - d. Be sure of the intended targets background
 - 3. Emergency evacuation plan
 - 4. Course Schedule
 - 5. Course goals
 - a. Operator Safety
 - b. Weapons handling
 - c. Tactics
 - d. Marksmanship

II. LAW UPDATE (Penal Code and POST mandate 1081 review)

A. Penal Code section 33220(b)

The possession of short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns by peace officer members of a police department, sheriff's office, marshal's office, the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, when on duty and the use is authorized by the agency and is within the course and scope of their duties, and the officers have completed a training course in the use of these weapons certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

B. Penal Code section 32610(b)

The possession of machineguns by regular, salaried, full-time peace officer members of a police department, sheriff's office, marshal's office, district attorney's office, the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Corrections for use by the department's Special Emergency Response Teams and Law Enforcement Liaison/Investigations Unit, when on duty and if the use is within the scope of their duties.

C. Minimum Standards for Legislatively Mandated Courses

III. REVIEW OF USE OF FORCE ISSUES, AGENCY POLICIES AND MISSION

A. Policy (ECPD policies 300.1, 300.3, 302.1, 304.1, 312.2.4, 432.1, 432.5, 432.6)

1. Use of force
2. Deadly Force
3. Shooting policy
4. Patrol Rifles
 - a. Purpose and scope
 - b. Definition
5. Training
6. Deployment
7. Authorized ammunition

B. Law Update (Penal Code section 33220)

C. Use of force considerations/options

1. Verbal, physical, less-lethal, and lethal force
 2. Where lethal force falls within force options
 3. Escalation and de-escalation of force
- D. Moral obligations
- E. Civil issues with the use of force options
- F. Case law
1. Tennessee vs. Garner
 2. Graham vs. Conner

IV. SAFETY ISSUES

- A. The four firearm safety rules need to be observed while deploying the rifle
1. Treat every weapon as if it were loaded
 2. Never point the weapon at anything you don't want to shoot
 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire
 4. Be sure of the intended targets background

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V. NOMENCLATURE, SPECIFICATIONS, and CAPABILITITES

- A. Nomenclature
1. Specifications
 - a. Type of weapon
 - b. Barrel length
 - c. Overall length
 - d. Caliber
 - e. Magazine Capacity
 - f. Weight (empty)
 - g. Type of sights
 - h. Approximate muzzle velocity

2. Rifle parts identification
 - a. Internal
 - i. Bolt carrier group
 - ii. Trigger group
 - iii. Buffer
 - b. External
 - i. Front and rear sights
 - ii. Bolt catch
 - iii. Magazine release
 - iv. Safety Selector
 - v. Magazine
 - vi. Sling and sling attachments

- B. Ballistics
 1. Internal ballistics
 - a. Ammunition
 2. External ballistics
 - a. Maximum range
 - b. Maximum effective range
 3. Terminal ballistics
 - a. Penetration
 - b. Penetration of soft body armor

- C. Cycle of Operation
 1. Feeding
 2. Chambering
 3. Locking

4. Firing
5. Unlocking
6. Extraction
7. Ejection
8. Cocking
9. Full/Semi-automatic

VI. FIREARM CARE, BREAKDOWN, and CLEANING

- A. Disassemble, Cleaning, Re-assembly, Function Checks (OEM Manual)
- B. Accessories/Options
 1. Tactical lights
 2. Optics
 3. Slings
 4. Carrying case
 - a. Internal upgrades (refer to policy)
 - b. External upgrades (refer to policy)

VII. BASIC SHOOTING SKILLS

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VIII. TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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IX. SHOOTING DECISION

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X. SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND QUALIFICATION

- A. Dry Fire Exercises
 1. Done at the range under the direct supervision of the instructors
 - a. Review of Rifle Manipulations, Reloading Techniques, Malfunctions
 2. Dry fire each position
 - a. Review of standing, kneeling, sitting and prone shooting

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Course debrief

1. Range clean up
 - a. Weapon inspection and maintenance
 - b. Ammunition inventory
2. Comments and questions
 - a. Course comments/questions
 - b. Instructor comments
 - c. Safety and medical debrief
3. Course conclusion/Evaluation