

**FIREARMS/SHOTGUN PATROL UPDATE
SHORT BARREL SHOTGUN**

Santa Clara County, Office of the Sheriff – 2270
CCN: 32061 | POST Certification II | Reimbursable Plan IV | 16 Hours

GOAL:

Designed to train sworn law enforcement personnel to safely operate a short barreled shotgun, this course covers applicable laws, agency policies, safety issues, nomenclature, maintenance, tactics, and manipulation of the shotgun. Training satisfies the requirements of PC 33220 (b) to carry short barreled shotguns and meets the POST perishable skills training requirements for firearms (PSP I). This course provides updated legislative content of Penal Code Section 835a.

The course consists of hands-on/practical skills firearms training for in-service officers.

Minimum Topics/Exercises:

- a. Safety Policy/Orientation
- b. Moral obligations
- c. Use of Force considerations
- d. Policy and/or Legal Standards
- e. Sight Alignment, Trigger Control, Accuracy
- f. Target Recognition and Analysis
- g. Weapons Clearing/Manipulations
- h. Live Fire Tactical/Marking Cartridges
- i. Basic Tactical Firearms Situations, Judgment and Decision-Making Exercise(s)
- j. Class Exercises/Student Evaluation/Testing

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of Santa Clara County - Office of Sheriff's Use of Force/Firearms Policy.
2. Identify the tactical analysis key points related to tactical firearms as reported in POST Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted (LEOKA) Studies (1994 to Present).
3. Demonstrate a minimum standard of tactical handgun proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course-of-fire, to include:
 - A. Judgment and Decision Making
 - B. Firearms Safety
 - C. Fundamentals of Marksmanship
 - D. Safe Drawing and Presenting Firearms
 - E. Threat Assessment/Identification
 - F. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions
 - G. Shot Placement: Combat Effectiveness
 - H. Malfunctions Clearing
 - I. Loading/Reloading

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Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the trainee during their performance of each technique, exercise, and course-of-fire. If the trainee does not meet minimum standards, as established by the presenter, remediation will be provided until the standard is met.

- I. **Registration, Introduction to Course, Introduction to Staff, Range Safety**
 - A. Completion of registration forms
 - i. sign-in
 - B. Distribute copy of course presentation
 - i. Discuss attendance, course overview, and schedule
 - C. Introduction of instructors
 - i. Overview of Law Enforcement work history
 - D. Discussion of Range Safety
 - i. Protective Equipment
 - ii. Internal and External Contamination
 - iii. First Aid Considerations
 - iv. Range Safety Inspections
 - v. Transportation and Storage of Weapons and Munitions

- II. **Review of Use of Force and Firearms Policies**
 - A. State Laws Pertaining to Short Barrel Firearms
 - i. PC 33220 (b)
 - ii. Short Barrel Defined
 - iii. Use of Deadly Force
 - B. Department Policy
 - i. Use of Force Guidelines
 - 1. Use of Deadly Force
 - ii. Firearms Policy
 - iii. Firearms Issuance and Training
 - iv. Officer Involved Shooting
 - 1. Shooting Review Board
 - C. AB 392 and SB230/Use of Force Legal Issues
 - i. Emphasis of de-escalation/tactical repositioning
 - ii. Emphasis on duty to intervene
 - iii. Policy considerations/changes
 - iv. Duty to warn
 - v. At risk populations

 - D. PC 835a
 - i. Legal requirements of 835a
 - ii. When is a use of force justified?
 - iii. Shall use other available resources and techniques when safe and feasible
 - iv. Totality of the circumstances includes officer conduct leading up to the use of force

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- v. Definition of imminent
- vi. Definition of deadly force
- vii. Definition of feasible
- viii. Definition of necessary force

III. Safety Considerations Specific to Short Barreled Firearms

- A. Barrel Length
 - i. Support Hand Placement
 - ii. Muzzle Discipline
- B. Ballistic Considerations
 - i. Spread Pattern (Shotgun)
 - ii. Reduced Muzzle Velocity
 - iii. Flash Signature

IV. Short Barrel Shotgun Overview

- A. Nomenclature of the law enforcement shotgun
 - i. Name of shotgun parts
 - 1. Identify control surfaces
- B. Loading and Unloading
 - i. Combat reload
 - ii. Tactical reload
 - iii. Select fire
 - 1. 00 Buck shot to slugs
- C. Ballistic Capabilities
 - i. Rifled Slug
 - ii. 00 Buck Shot
- D. Shotgun Maintenance
 - i. Inspection

V. Shotgun Shooting Fundamentals (live fire exercises)

- A. Stance
 - i. Four points of contact
 - ii. Stance
 - iii. Trigger finger placement
 - iv. Muzzle control
- B. Grip
 - i. Master grip
 - ii. Support hand
- C. Sight Alignment
 - i. Iron sights
 - ii. Electronic sights
- D. Sight Picture
 - i. Iron sights
 - ii. Electronic sights

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- E. Trigger Control
 - F. Follow Through
 - i. Trigger reset
 - G. Weapon Sling
 - i. Manipulation
 - ii. Malfunctions
- VI. **Standard Shooting Positions** (live fire exercises)
- A. Shooting Positions
 - i. Standing
 - ii. Kneeling
 - iii. Sitting
 - iv. Prone
 - v. High Ready
 - vi. Low Ready
 - vii. Depressed Muzzle
 - B. Moving and Shooting
 - i. Walking forward, backward, laterally left, laterally right
 - ii. Relationship between movement and accuracy
 - iii. Moving to cover or concealment
 - 1. Muzzle flash
 - 2. Barrel placement
 - C. Malfunctions
 - i. Transition to handgun
 - 1. Sling manipulation
 - 2. Movement
- VII. **Written Final Examination**
- A. Administer and correct exams
 - i. Discuss all questions
- VIII. **Weapon Scenarios and Shooting Drills** (live fire exercises)

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Live Fire Exercises/Shooting Drills/Scenarios

Objective:

- Evaluate the deputy's ability to use the duty shotgun for defense.
- Evaluate the deputy's ability to manage ammunition using reloading tactics.
- Evaluate the deputy's ability to effectively use cover/concealment during hostile encounters.
- Evaluate the deputy's ability to move to cover/concealment while firing at a threat.
- Evaluate the deputy's ability to verbalize commands during hostile encounters.
- Evaluate the deputy's ability to scan and search the area for additional threats, after an initial threat has been dealt with.

For each of the scenarios the following will apply:

The shooter will begin from a "Low Ready" position facing the target. After engaging the target, the shooter will hold on the target/threat for 3-5 seconds, ensuring a good second sight picture. After 3-5 seconds the shooter will scan the immediate area checking the 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock positions. When the shooter is satisfied no additional threat exists, the shooter will return to a "Low Ready" position.

At the 50 yard line: *Select Fire*

Shotguns will be loaded at the 50 yard line with two (2) buckshot in the magazine tube and two (2) slugs in the stock. Shooters will be instructed to "select fire" at the 50 yard line.

On the command:

- The shooter will take one slug from the stock and insert the slug into the magazine tube.
- The shooter will then rack the action of the shotgun, loading the slug into the chamber.
- The shooter will then be instructed to take their second slug round out of the stock and place it into the magazine tube. The first two rounds out of the shotgun for this qualification will be slugs.

Moving:

On the command the shooter will:

- Perform a tactical walk forward to the 25 yard line while demonstrating safe weapon manipulation and covering down range.

At the 25 yard line: *STANDING/KNEELING*

On the command the shooter will:

- Give verbal commands
- Fire (1) round high in the upper chest while standing
- Fire (1) round high in the upper chest from a kneeling position
- The shooter shall demonstrate proper use of the 25 yard line barricade

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On the command the shooter will:

- Perform a tactical walk forward to the 15 yard line while demonstrating safe weapon manipulation and covering down range.

At the 15 yard line: *MOVING AND SHOOTING*

On the “Move” command the shooter will:

- Perform a slow tactical walk up to the 7 yard line

While moving and on the command the shooter will

- Fire (2) rounds high in the upper chest while moving forward
- Transition to handgun