

## **FIREARMS/TACTICAL RIFLE**

Santa Clara County, Office of the Sheriff – 2270  
CCN: 32075 | POST Certification II | Reimbursable Plan IV | 24 Hours

### **GOAL:**

Upon completion of this course the students will have the necessary knowledge and skills to properly deploy the patrol rifle. This course is also designed to meet the required training to carry short barrel rifles, and meets the minimum training requirements for the POST Perishable Skills Program in the topic area of tactical firearms. 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 rifle proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course-of-fire, to include:
  - A. Judgment and Decision Making
  - B. Firearms Safety
  - C. Fundamentals of Marksmanship
  - D. Presenting the rifle from a low ready or depressed muzzle position to an "on target" position.
  - E. Threat Assessment/Identification
  - F. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions
  - G. Shot Placement: Combat Effectiveness

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- H. Malfunctions Clearing
- I. Loading/Reloading

***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.***

### EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE

- I. Firearms/Tactical Rifle
  - A. Course Overview
    - 1. Administrative duties
    - 2. Course objectives / goals
    - 3. Orientation
      - a. Facility
      - b. Range staff
    - 4. Required Equipment
    - 5. Range Safety Policy
  - B. Use of Force Legal Issues
    - 1. Federal law
    - 2. California law
      - a. AB 392
      - b. SB 230
      - c. PC 835a
    - 3. Department Policy
      - a. General Order 12.00 – Use of Force
      - b. General Order 12.01 – Firearms Issuance and Training
- II. Carbine Rifle Weapon History
  - A. Military
  - B. Use in Law Enforcement
    - 1. Tactical applications
      - a. Recent incident examples
      - b. Officer / public safety
- III. Introduction to Patrol Carbine Weapons System
  - A. Terminology / Nomenclature
  - B. Loading and Unloading Procedures

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- C. Sight Systems
  - 1. Sight alignment/sight picture
  - 2. Sight adjustment
  - 3. Night sights/low light
  - 4. Hologram sights/optics
  - 5. Weapons “zeroing” (classroom)
- IV. A. Carbine Ballistics
  - 1. Internal, external, and terminal ballistics
    - a. Demonstration
  - 2. Ammunitions
- B. Patrol Carbine Weapon Maintenance
  - 1. Disassembly (field strip)
  - 2. Cleaning and lubrication.
- V. Weapons Handling / Range Practical Drills
  - A. Safe handling of weapon
  - B. Loading weapon
  - C. Secure weapon
  - D. Tactical slings
- VI. Fundamentals of Shooting
  - A. Aim Points
  - B. Weapon Zeroing (Range- live fire)
  - C. Bench Rest
    - 1. Sight alignment/sight picture
    - 2. Trigger control
    - 3. Precision shooting (bulls eye target)
  - D. Shooting Positions
    - 1. Standing off hand
    - 2. Kneeling
      - a. High
      - b. Low
    - 3. Prone
    - 4. Sitting
    - 5. Left and right barricade
    - 6. Unconventional shooting positions
  - E. Weapon Malfunctions
    - 1. Immediate action drills
    - 2. Transition drill
  - F. Marksmanship Training
    - 1. Shooting drills from 3-100 yards
    - 2. Step drills

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- 3. Shooting on the move
- G. Use of Cover/Concealment
  - 1. Vehicles
  - 2. Urban areas
  - 3. Wilderness and open area
- H. Target Recognition and Analysis
  - 1. Low light situations
  - 2. Multiple targets
- VII. Weapon Retention
  - A. Mind-Set
    - 1. Survival will
    - 2. Weapon transitions
- VIII. Review / Written Test
  - A. Knowledge of General Orders Policy and Procedures
- IX. Live Fire- Basic Tactical Exercises
  - 1. Prepare weapon for use.
  - 2. Fire weapon from different distances.
  - 3. Fire weapon while moving.
  - 4. Properly identify target areas.
  - 5. Disassemble, clean and reassemble the weapon.
- X. Course Evaluation