

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE
PERISHABLE SKILLS
Firearms

- I. Lethal Force Overview (h,i,j)
 - A. Legal /Moral /Ethical Issues involving use of Force/Lethal Force
 - B. Civil Implications of using Force/Lethal Force
 - C. Report Writing and Preliminary Investigations Overview

- II. Department Use of Force/Lethal Force and Firearms Policy (h,i)
 - A. Department Policy
 - 1. Reasonable Cause
 - 2. Imminent Threat
 - 3. Death or Great Bodily Injury
 - 4. Fleeing Violent Felon Specifications
 - 5. Other policy areas and issues

 - B. Supporting Case Law
 - 1. Tennessee vs. Garner
 - a. Deadly Force
 - b. Fleeing Felon
 - 2. Graham vs. Conner
 - a. Reasonable Force

- III. P.O.S.T., L.E.O.K.A., Officers Killed Studies
 - A. 1994, 2001
 - B. Vital Statistics
 - C. Conclusive Tactical Analysis
 - 1. Low Light Conditions
 - 2. 5-10 feet
 - 3. 2 rounds
 - 4. 2 seconds
 - 5. Officer Accuracy: average 10-20%
 - 6. Use of Cover
 - 7. Summary – Overview

- IV. Weapons Safety (c)
 - A. All Weapons are Loaded
 - B. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to kill or destroy
 - C. Keep finger off trigger until you are ready to fire
 - D. Be sure of your target and background
 - E. Range and Tactical Safety
 - 1. Follow Range Rules

2. Follow Instructor commands
 3. Strict Weapon Discipline and Muzzle Control
 4. No “Lasering” of personal body parts
 5. Movement and Reloading only on Double Action
- F. Review of Safety Rules (See Attached)

V. The Fundamentals of Shooting (d)

- A. Stance
 1. Strong, Balanced Ready Position
 2. Isosceles or Weaver
- B. Grip
 1. Strong, Effective two-handed grip
 2. Isometric Pressure
- C. Sight Picture
 1. Sight Alignment
 2. Eye Focus – Front Sight Tip
- D. Trigger Control
 1. Press...
 2. Straight back, steady pressure
- E. Breathing
 1. Controlled
 2. Fire on exhale
- F. Recovery
 1. All elements work together
 2. Handle recoil
 3. Controlled movement back on target

VI. Five Count Pistol Presentation

- A. Count One
 1. Good grip
 2. Holster Unsnapped
 3. Support hand/arm into chest position
- B. Count Two
 1. Draw
 2. De-Cocker Off
 3. Pistol is rocked up and forward
 4. Wrist is positioned above holster
 5. Forearm parallel to ground
 6. Trigger finger is indexed
- C. Count Three
 1. Punch Pistol outward
 2. Into support hand
 3. Isometric Tension
 4. Low Ready Positioning
- D. Count Four
 1. Pistol raised to eye level

- 2. Eye focus on front sight
- 3. Sight alignment/sight picture is verified
- E. Count Five
 - 1. Finger on Trigger
 - 2. Press...
 - 3. Maintain sight alignment
- F. Post – Shooting
 - 1. Did I hit?
 - 2. Did it work?
 - 3. Low Ready – Count Three
 - 4. Assess the Threat
 - 5. Scan
 - 6. Reassess
 - 7. De-Cock to Double Action
- G. Reholstering
 - 1. ONLY when the tactical situation warrants
 - 2. Reverse of the draw count
 - 3. Count Two
 - 4. Support hand/arm into chest position
 - 5. Additional Scan and Assessment
 - 6. Quick and effective Holstering
 - 7. Eyes remaining forward on threat

VII. Drills and Courses of Fire

(b,c,d,e,f,g,i)

- A. Range Orientation and Safety Briefing (See Range Safety Sheet)
- B. All Courses Emphasize
 - 1. Weapons Safety
 - 2. Muzzle and Fire Discipline
 - 3. Fundamentals of Shooting
 - 4. Five Count Presentation
- C. Warm-up Course
 - 1. 8 rounds into the 10 ring at 15 yards (Precision Shooting)
 - a. 2 times
- D. Combat Reload
 - 1. Tactically reloading
 - a. Bring handgun back up to full capacity
 - 2. When shooting has stopped
 - 3. Move to Cover
 - 4. De-Cock/Double Action
 - 5. Proper grip of fresh magazine
 - 6. Strip and replace in-gun magazine
 - 7. Used magazine in pocket, not pouch
 - 8. Practice and Proficiency demonstration
- E. Flashlight Shooting Drill
 - 1. Harries/Tactical
 - 2. Alternate flashlight shooting techniques

3. Safety precautions
 4. Dry fire practice
 5. Reloading
 - a. Move to one knee/cover
 - b. Placing flashlight behind the knee
- F. Weapons Malfunction Review
1. Class 1, Failure to Fire
 - a. Clearance Drill – Tap, Roll, and Rack
 - 1) Practice with Dummy rounds
 - 2) With 2 live rounds
 2. Class 3, Double Feed
 - a. Clearance Drill
 - 1) Practice with Dummy rounds
 - 2) With live rounds
 - b. Live fire, 5 times
- G. Ball and Dummy Drills
1. 3 Mags with mix of 5 live rounds, 3 dummy rounds
 2. Proper Clearance
 3. 7 yard line, 6 magazines
- H. Failure (Drug/Body Armor) Drills
1. Theory
 - a. Target the brain, turn off the neurological switch
 2. Shot Placement
 - a. Ocular, “T”
 3. 7 yard line, 2 and 12
 - a. 2 magazines
 - b. with tactical loading and reloading
- I. Double Tap Drill
1. Shot Placement
 - a. Optimum 4” spread
 - b. Upper Thoracic Cavity
 2. Stopping Power
 - a. Maximum Shock – Stopping Power
 - b. Vs. Bleeding Out
 - 1) Major artery – up to 12 seconds
 3. Controlled Pair
 - a. Sight Picture, Smooth Trigger Pull
 - b. 7 yard line and out
 - c. 2 magazines
 4. Accelerated Pair
 - a. Flash sight picture/Front sight
 - b. 5 – 7 yards and closer
 - c. Double Taps emphasizing speed and accuracy
 - d. 2 magazines
- J. Spread Fire Course
1. Threat Assessment/Threat Prioritization

- a. Threat ID
 - b. Threat type, lethality, and range
 - c. Highest threat prioritization
- 2. 3 Targets at the 7 yard line, 2 rounds each, 3 times
 - a. 2 magazines
 - b. with tactical reloads
- K. Glide Step Drills
 - 1. Getting out of the immediate line of fire
 - 2. While simultaneously moving and shooting accurately
 - 3. Singular controlled smooth stepping
 - 4. Both form in and out of the holster
 - 5. Demonstration
 - 6. Dry fire practice
 - 7. Live Fire
 - a. 5 yard line, Left and Right, 1 magazine
 - b. 7 yard line, Left and Right, 1 magazine
- L. Close Quarters Combat (Battle)/Defensive Shooting
 - 1. Define
 - a. Close In
 - b. Personal Contact
 - c. Distractions
 - d. Strikes, Holds, Takedowns
 - 2. Retention Techniques with Handgun
 - a. Level of force when suspect tries to get your gun
 - 3. Demonstration
 - 4. ****Emphasize SAFETY, support hand out of the line of fire****
 - 5. Dry fire Practice
 - 6. CQB – Defensive, 3 yard line course
 - a. Dry fire practice
 - b. Step 1, draw and fire from “2”
 - c. Step 2, Drag Step (Rear Shuffle), extend and fire CBM
 - d. Step 3, Failure Drill
 - e. Live Fire, 3 magazines
 - f. Variations of defensive movement
 - g. Variations of equipment in hands
 - 7. CQB – Hands On, 3 yard line course
 - a. Dry fire practice
 - b. Push, Move and Fire
 - c. Personal body weapons and fire
 - d. Impact weapon and fire
 - e. Alternate with non-lethal options
 - 1) Dropping or securing non-lethal tools
- M. Pneumatic Target Drills (or Building Entry)
 - 1. Target Identification, Threat Assessment
 - 2. 7 yard line, 3 “blind” targets of varying threat
 - 3. At least one no-shoot

4. 2 magazines
- N. Laterally Moving Target (with Track Runner)
1. Target Identification
 2. Tracking Techniques
 3. 1 magazine