

MADERA POLICE DEPARTMENT

POST RIFLE COURSE

Penal Code section 33220(b) and POST Commission Regulation 1005(i)

Course Title

Patrol Rifle – 16 hours

Course Goal

To provide POST certified training on the use of long or short barreled rifles as required by Penal Code section 33220(b) and POST Commission Regulation 1081 & 1005(i). At the completion of the course, students will demonstrate the ability to maintain and deploy a patrol rifle in a safe, effective, and lawful manner consistent with their department policy.

Audience

Sworn peace officers who are authorized by their agency to use a long or short barreled rifle within the course and scope of their duties.

Course Objectives

Under the supervision of a qualified instructor each student will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the four firearm safety rules.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of their department's Use of Force and Firearms policy.
3. Demonstrate the ability to properly field strip, clean, and maintain their weapon.
4. Demonstrate the ability to properly load, unload, and clear malfunctions from the weapon.
5. Demonstrate the ability to apply the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship and fire accurately from various shooting positions at distances out to 50 yards.
6. Successfully complete the qualification course with a score of 80% or higher.

Required Content

POST Commission Regulation 1081

1. Law Update
2. Review of Use of Force issues, Agency Policies, and Mission
3. Safety Issues
4. Nomenclature, Specifications, and Capabilities

5. Firearm Care, Breakdown, and Cleaning
6. Tactical Considerations
7. Skill Development and Qualification

Expanded course outline

1. Introduction
 - a. Registration
 - b. Orientation
 - c. Course objectives
2. Safety issues
 - a. Firearm safety rules
 - i. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded.
 - ii. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to destroy.
 - iii. Keep your finger off the trigger and out of the trigger guard, until your sights are on target and you are ready to fire.
 - iv. Always be sure of your target and beyond.
 - b. Range rules
 - i. Proper range attire – eye and ear protection, pants, closed toe shoes/boots.
 - ii. Follow the range instructor’s commands at all times unless unsafe to do so.
 - iii. No horseplay or disruptive behavior.
 - c. Medical emergency plan
 - i. Emergency/first aid procedures, location of trauma kit, radio/telephone procedures, location of closest medical facility.
 - d. Lead exposure
 - i. Wash hands with cold water prior to eating.
 - ii. Wear gloves while cleaning firearms.
 - iii. Be aware of lead on gloves, headgear, and exposed skin.
3. Review of Use of Force Issues, Agency Policies, and Mission

- a. Mission – To equip sworn officers with rifles, and the skills to use them, that give a tactical advantage to address the risks posed to the public and law enforcement by violent and sometimes well-armed suspects.
 - b. Use of Force case law
 - i. Tennessee vs. Garner
 - ii. Graham vs. Conner
 - c. Use of Force Policy
 - i. Deadly Force Applications
 - 1. Shooting at moving vehicles.
 - d. Firearms Policy
 - i. Patrol Rifle
 - ii. Safe handling, inspection, and storage
4. Law Update
- a. PC 32610(b) – Possession within scope of employment
 - b. PC 33220(b) – Training requirement
 - c. Federal and State assault weapon laws
5. Nomenclature, Specifications, and Capabilities
- a. Nomenclature
 - i. Front and Rear Sights
 - ii. Bolt Catch
 - iii. Magazine release
 - iv. Safety/Selector
 - v. Magazine
 - vi. Sling and Sling Attachments
 - b. Specifications
 - i. Type of Weapon
 - ii. Barrel length/overall length
 - iii. Caliber
 - iv. Magazine capacity

- v. Weight
 - vi. Type of sights
 - c. Capabilities
 - i. Terminal ballistics/velocity
 - ii. Maximum range/effective range
 - iii. Trajectory
 - iv. Penetration of soft body armor
- 6. Firearm Care, Breakdown, and Cleaning
 - a. Refer to the manufacturer's care and operation manual.
- 7. Tactical Considerations
 - a. Advantages and disadvantages of a patrol rifle.
 - b. Combat triad – Mindset, gun handling, marksmanship
 - c. Lateral movement – get off the threat line
 - d. Range training – talk to the suspect, talk to your partner, talk to dispatch
 - e. Use of cover and concealment.
 - f. Scanning – before moving up/down, forward/backward, or sideways.
 - g. Combat follow through
 - i. Did I hit?
 - ii. Do I need more hits?
 - iii. Is there anyone else around me that may harm me? (scanning)
 - iv. Move to cover and tactical reload.
- 8. Skill Development and Qualification
 - a. The following topics will be explained and demonstrated by the instructor on the range. Under the direct supervision of the instructors, students will then complete both dry-fire and live-fire drills that build proficiency in each area. Students will zero their rifles at 50 yards depending on agency requirements.
 - b. Fundamentals of Marksmanship
 - i. Grip
 - ii. Stance

- iii. Sight picture / Sight alignment
 - 1. Mechanical offset
- iv. Breathing
- v. Trigger control / trigger reset
- vi. Follow through – 2nd sight picture
- c. Firing positions
 - i. Standing
 - ii. Kneeling
 - 1. Supported (low kneeling)
 - 2. Unsupported (high kneeling)
 - 3. Double kneeling
 - iii. Seated
 - iv. Prone
- d. Weapon Manipulation
 - i. Loading
 - ii. Unloading
 - iii. Speed reload
 - iv. Tactical reload
 - 1. Side by side method
 - 2. “L” shaped method
 - 3. Double magazine method
 - 4. Retention method
- e. Malfunctions
 - i. Causes of malfunctions
 - 1. Failure to Feed, Fire, Extract, Eject, and Think.
 - ii. Clearing malfunctions
 - 1. Transition to back-up firearm
 - 2. Tap, rack, assess
 - 3. Feed-way (double feed) clearance

- a. Lock, Rip, Sweep, Rack & Look, Reload (Tap, rack, assess)
- f. Drug and Armor
 - i. Center mass hits fail to stop threat
 - ii. Transition to head shots
 - iii. Transition to pelvic area shots
- g. Firing from cover
 - i. Left or right side of barricade.
 - ii. Above barricade.
 - iii. Below barricade.
- h. Low light/flashlight techniques
 - i. Weapon mounted light
 - ii. Flashlight
 - 1. Support arm under rifle
 - 2. Flashlight held next to hand guard
 - 3. Tail cap on magazine well
- i. Moving targets
 - i. Stationary point of aim method
 - ii. Follow through method
 - iii. Consistent lead method
- j. Close Quarter
 - i. Close Quarter Shooting
 - 1. Retention hold
 - ii. Weapon retention
 - iii. Arrest techniques
- k. Static turns/target identification
 - i. Safety circle
 - ii. Look
 - iii. Assess
 - iv. Move

v. Threat/Challenge

I. Qualification course

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