

Firearms Training 1.5 Hour Annual Qualification

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PURPOSE OF COURSE: This one day, 1.5-hour program has been designed to ensure all officers are given the opportunity for qualification with their duty and Privately Owned Department Approved (PODA) pistol and rifle firearm(s) in accordance with the standards established by the 50 ILCS 710/2.5 Sec. 2.5 et seq.,.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: 1.5 hours of participatory training focusing on firearms qualification (pistol and rifle), Use of Force, and range/firearms safety. The officers will be provided a safety briefing, a use of force discussion, and conduct firearms qualification.

GOALS: The goals of this course are as follows.

- All officers successfully qualify with their duty and PODA firearms.
- Understand the legal aspects of the proper use of force needed to defeat resistance.
- Understand the Department's general orders, state, and federal laws which will guide officers in the application of appropriate levels of use of force.

COURSE PREREQUISITES: Only personnel who are currently employed by a LE Department in a sworn capacity and have completed an ILETSB certified police academy to include firearms training will be permitted to attend this program. Only the Chief of the Department requesting this training or his designated representative may enroll student officers. Officers will NOT be allowed to enroll themselves.

METHODS OF EVALUATION: Students will be required to demonstrate proficiency in course materials and achieve a passing score of at least 70% (21 of 30) on a pistol and/or rifle Firearm Qualification Course-of-Fire. Additionally, the instructor will evaluate students' comprehension and retention of course topics based on their participation in physical drills and discussions conducted during the course. Evaluation forms completed by each student will provide feedback to the department on the quality of the course content and the instructor's effectiveness in delivering this content.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION: This course is conducted using the following methods of instruction:

- In-class review of student handout materials
- In-class lecture/briefing
- In-class physical drills
- In-class general discussion

COURSE REFERENCES/BIBLIOGRAPHY:

1. 720 ILCS 5/7-1 Defense of Person
2. 720 ILCS 5/7-2 Defense of Dwelling
3. 720 ILCS 5/7-3 Defense of Property

4. 720 ILCS 5/7-4 When the Use of Force in 7-1, 7-2 and 7-3 is not available
5. 720 ILCS 5/7-5 Peace Officer's use of force in making arrests
6. Graham v. Connor 490 US 386 (1989)
7. Tennessee v. Garner 471 US 1 (1985).
8. Baird v. Renbarger, 576 F.3d 340, 346 (7th. Cir. 2009)
9. Department Policy

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/GRADING POLICY: Students are required to bring a billed hat, full wrap around Eye Protection (not reading glasses), Hearing Protection, Ballistic Vest, Nylon Duty Gear, and weather appropriate protection. Officers will demonstrate firearms proficiency by safely handling firearms, understanding use of force as it relates to Department policy, state, and federal laws, and achieving a passing score of at least 70% (21 of 30) on a pistol and/or rifle Firearm Qualification Course-of-Fire.

RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL AIDS: This program requires a firearms shooting range, medical bag, range safety briefing documents, qualification score sheets, stop watch or timing device, range bags, cones, targets, staples, spray glue, ammunition, and a table.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: This is a state certified course. Thus, no more than 10% of class time, or approximately 9 minutes, may be missed. It is strongly suggested, however, that the student be in attendance for the entire session in order to maximize upon the knowledge and skill development associated with the training. Should a temporary absence from the class be necessary, it remains the responsibility of the student to contact the instructor and arrange to obtain any information or materials missed due to the absence.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS: Safety is a priority for all courses, especially those that involve firearms activities and live ammunition. Safety measures for this course include:

- 1) All students will be checked for required personal safety items before being allowed on the range (billed hat, eye protection, hearing protection, and ballistic vest).
- 2) All students will be checked prior to the start of each training session, and upon each return to the training area.
- 3) Training will be conducted in an area that controls entry and exit.
- 4) All students are safety officers.
- 5) Any student may call "cease fire" in case of a safety matter.
- 6) Any other protocols that become necessary based on the students, site, or instructors will be documented in the course outline.
- 7) Participants will be polled to identify any injury or medical prohibitions for participation.
- 8) Physical drills will be directly monitored and appropriate injury precautions will be followed.
- 9) A medical bag will be maintained in the training area
- 10) An Instructor, who has successfully completed "40 Hour Firearms Instructor Course", or its equivalent, will be designated as the Training Safety Officer (TSO). An assistant instructor will be designated as the Assistant Training Safety Officer (ATSO) as needed.
- 11) Personal safety equipment will be required for and worn by all personnel present on the range.

TOPICAL OUTLINE

I. INTRODUCTION ORIENTATION AND SAFETY BRIEF.

- a. Mandates met: None
- b. Hours of instruction: 0.25 hours

II. PHYSICAL SKILLS

- a. Mandates met: Use of Force: De-escalation Techniques (**1 hr**)
- b. Hours of instruction: 1 hour

III. SUMMARY AND EVALUATION.

- a. Mandates met: None
- b. Hours of instruction: 0.25 hours

I. UNIT OF INSTRUCTION:

INTRODUCTION ORIENTATION AND SAFETY BRIEF

- A. Mandate: None
- B. Number of Hours: .25 Hours
- C. Unit Description: This introductory portion of the program will be devoted to distributing, completing, and collecting student sign in sheet. The instructor will provide students with an overview of the program to follow.
- D. Training Goals: The goals for this portion of the training are:
1. Register participant
 2. Explain the purpose of the course
 3. Review course topics and objectives
 4. Review course materials
 5. Conduct Safety Briefing to include Use of Force discussion
 6. Conduct safety inspections and prepare officers for the range
 7. Review training schedule
 8. Discuss proficiency and skill requirements
 9. Discuss course evaluation processes
- E. Recommended Instructional Aids: Department sign in sheet, MTU sign in sheet, Range Safety Briefing paperwork, and ILETSB Use of Force brochure.

II. UNIT OF INSTRUCTION:

PHYSICAL SKILLS

- A. Mandate: Use of Force: De-escalation Techniques (1 hr)
- B. Number of Hours: 1 hour
- C. Unit Description: This unit provides the student the opportunity to achieve a passing score of at least 70% (21 of 30) on a Firearm Qualification Course-of-Fire in a controlled environment. The student will demonstrate deployment, movement, and fundamental firearms techniques specific to each Firearm Qualification Course-of-Fire. Officers who are unable to attain a minimum acceptable qualification score will follow Department policy as appropriate.
- D. Training Goals: The goals for this portion of the training are:
1. Ability to use a proper application of force including the de-escalation of force when required (**Use of Force: De-Escalation techniques**)
 2. Ability to properly deploy a firearm and de-escalation techniques (**Use of Force: De-Escalation techniques**)
 3. Ability to use time and space to ensure officer safety and use firearm fundamental techniques to determine the difference between a proper and improper deployment (**Use of Force: Officer Safety Techniques**)
 4. Ability to use effective movement and firearms fundamentals after deployment
- E. Recommended Instructional Aids: Appropriate ammunition, targets, and timing device.

IV. UNIT OF INSTRUCTION:

SUMMARY AND EVALUATION

- A.** Mandate: None
- B.** Number of Hours: .25 Hours
- C.** Unit Description: During this final block of instruction, material presented over the previous 1 hour will be reviewed. Additionally, students will be asked to complete an evaluation of the course content and instructor's thoroughness in covering the information presented in class.
- D.** Training Goals: The goals for this portion of the training are:
1. Increased officer's firearms proficiency, handling, and safety.
- E.** Recommended Instructional Aids: Evaluation forms and writing utensil.