



**MENIFEE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CCN #: 1391-32075  
FIREARMS /TACTICAL RIFLE TRAINING  
EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE**

**COURSE GOAL**

The trainee will develop the necessary firearms tactical knowledge and skills to survive and win a realistic lethal force encounter. The 16-hour course consists of hands-on/practical skills rifle training for in-service officers. Successful completion of this course satisfies the legislative training mandate to possess short barrel rifles as specified in 33220(b) of the California Penal Code and the Commission training requirement to possess short barrel rifles as specified in Commission Regulation 1081. This course provides updated legislative content of Penal Code Section 835a.

**COURSE HOURS**

16

**TACTICAL RIFLE**

Minimum Topics/Exercises:

1. Course Overview, Orientation, Safety Guidelines
2. Legal Policy and Safety Update
3. Weapons Nomenclature and Specifications
4. Cleaning and Care
5. Shooting Basics
6. Basic Shooting Drills
7. MEU(SOC) Course
8. Close Quarters Combat
9. Malfunctions
10. Urban Shooting Skills
11. Basic Shooting Drills
12. Combat Courses
13. Tasks, Conditions and Standards
14. Qualifications

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of their individual Department Use of Force/Firearms Policy.
2. Demonstrate their understanding of the four basic firearms safety rules for handling firearms.
3. Demonstrate a minimum standard of tactical rifle proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course-of-fire, to include:
  - A. Judgment and Decision Making

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- B. Weapons Safety
- D. Fundamentals of Shooting
- E. Target/Non-Target Identification
- F. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions

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**

### **1. INTRODUCTION/ORIENTATION**

- A. Introduction, Registration, and Orientation
- B. Course Objectives/Overview, Exercises, Evaluation/Testing
- C. Weapons Safety Orientation, Review of Range and Shooting Safety Rules
  - 1) Review of Range Safety Rules
    - a. Cover primary elements as a checklist with students
    - b. Local emergency/first aid procedures to include radio/telephone procedures, closest medical facility

### **2. LEGAL POLICY AND SAFETY PLAN**

- A. Agency Use of Force Policy (MPD Staff)
  - 1) Lethal Force
  - 2) Less Lethal Force
- B. Legal Update
  - 1) Graham vs. Connor
  - 2) Tennessee vs. Garner
  - 3) 835a CA Penal code
  - 4) Palaks vs. Drinski
  - 5) City of Canton Vs Harris
- C. Safety Rules
  - 1. Treat all firearms as if they are loaded
  - 2. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you are not willing to destroy
  - 3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are aligned and you have made the conscious decision to fire.
  - 4. Know your target and what is between, beyond and around it
- C. Range specific rules

### **3. WEAPONS NOMENCLATURE AND SPECIFICATIONS**

- A. Basic Nomenclature
  - 1) Accurate fire at single/multiple targets on the move and stationary
  - 2) Basics of grip, stance, sight alignment and trigger control
  - 3) Operations in an urban patrol and CQC environment

- B. Nomenclature of the Colt M16/M4/AR-15 rifle (attached handouts will be provided)
  - 1) Upper receiver group
  - 2) Lower receiver group
  - 3) Fire control parts
  - 4) Accessories
- C. Specifications
  - 1) Length, weight, height
  - 2) Rate of fire
  - 3) Accessories
  - 4) Effective range
- D. Short Barrel vs. Standard Barrel
  - 1) Velocity
  - 2) Wound ballistics
  - 3) Safety
  - 4) Penetration of soft body armor

#### **4. CARE AND CLEANING**

- A. Disassembly
  - 1) Keep parts with rifle
  - 2) separate upper and lower receiver
  - 3) bolt disassembly
  - 4) Provide attached handouts
- B. Cleaning and lubrication
  - 1) Areas to be cleaned
  - 2) Lubrication points
- C. Assembly
  - 3) Correct parts back in the right place

#### **5. SHOOTING BASICS**

- A. Administrative loading/unloading
  - 1) For range
  - 2) For armory
  - 3) For cruiser ready
- B. Basic Shooting Skills
  - 1) Stance
  - 2) Grip
  - 3) Sight alignment/picture
    - a. How sights interact with each other
    - b. Top of front sight post centered in the peep
    - c. How to zero sights
    - d. Mechanical offset (height over bore)
    - e. Issued optic and how sight alignment works
    - f. How to zero optic
    - g. Maintenance on optic
    - h. How iron sights and optics interact
  - 4) Trigger control
  - 5) Stock placement and cheek weld
  - 6) Follow through

- C. 50 yard Battle Zero (BZO)
  - 1) Theory
    - a. 50/200 zero based on ballistics
  - 2) Application
- D. Controlled fire
  - 1) Single accurate rounds
  - 2) Accurate multiple rounds
- E. Positional shooting
  - 1) Standing
  - 2) Kneeling
  - 3) Seated
  - 4) Prone

## **6. BASIC SHOOTING DRILLS**

- A. 5 rounds slow fire at 50 yards
- B. 5 rounds slow fire at 25 yards at each position
  - 1) Standing, kneeling, seated and prone
- C. Controlled pairs at 15 yards (X4)
- D. Failure Drill, two to the body and one to the head at 5 yards (X3)

## **7. QUALIFICATION COURSE**

- A. Run for confidence and check basic skills

## **8. CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT**

- A. Multiple rounds
  - 1. Drills
- B. Shooting while moving
  - 1. Moving at the target
  - 2. Moving sideways
  - 3. Moving backwards
  - 4. Drills
- C. Turns
  - 1. 90 degree right / left
  - 2. 180 degree right / left
  - 3. Drills
- D. Transition to handgun
  - 1. Tell when appropriate
  - 2. Demo
  - 3. Drills
- E. Multiple Targets
  - 1. CQC ranges
  - 2. Appropriate round application for the threat
  - 3. Drills

## **9. MALFUNCTIONS**

- A. Type 1 (failure to fire)
  - 1) Tilt, Tap, Rack, Assess
- B. Type 2 (stove pipe)
  - 2) Tilt, Tap, Rack, Assess
- C. Type 3 (double feed)
  - 1) Lock bolt to rear
  - 2) Strip and discard magazine
  - 3) Clear chamber
  - 4) Reload and assess
  - 5) Drills

## **10. URBAN SHOOTING SKILLS**

- A. Vehicles
  - 1. Exiting
  - 2. Shooting around vehicles
  - 3. Shooting at vehicles
  - 4. Shooting from vehicles
- B. Urban Cover
  - 1. Windows
  - 2. Low cover (hydrants/curbs)
  - 3. Roof tops
- C. Team Shooting
  - 1. Communications
  - 2. Reloading
  - 3. Moving
- D. Multiple Targets
  - 1. Patrol distance
  - 2. Over and under swing
  - 3. Drills
- E. Moving Targets
  - 1. Patrol distances
  - 2. Trapping
  - 3. Tracking
- F. Utilizing cover
  - 1. How to work around cover

## **11. COMBAT COURSES**

- A. Utilizing movement
- B. Utilizing correct cover and concealment
- C. Safety

## **12. TASKS, CONDITIONS AND STANDARDS**

- A. Administrative load/unload/Cruiser ready
- B. Emergency Reload
- C. Tactical Reload
- D. Malfunctions

1. Type 1
2. Type 2
3. Type 3
4. Handgun transitions

### **13. QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. 3-50 yards
- B. Timed
- C. Safety
- D. Passing 80%