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LAW ENFORCEMENT BASIC SNIPER CERTIFICATION COURSE SCREENING EXERCISE – SYLABUS / C.O.F. / Target Info

Officers will go through a safety brief and outline of the COF prior to coming to the line with their rifle.

For purposes of this screening exercise a USPSA cardboard silhouette target will be utilized for all shots. This target is widely available and the dimensions are generous but close enough to realistic human anatomy to suffice for this pre-course screening exercise. A diagram of the target with dimensions is included at the bottom of this outline. NOTE: The actual targets are tan colored with perforated scoring zones. These zones ARE NOT easily seen. The markings on the target diagram below are exaggerated for purposes of explanation.

Officers will be assigned a target number. They will then be allowed to place their rifles on the 100yd line. Condition of the rifle will be un-loaded, bolts back and empty magazine removed (if detachable magazine). The officer's kit including 20 rounds of ammunition will be positioned next to their rifle.

On command and as a group, officers will execute a 440yd run that terminates back at designated firing point and standing behind their rifle. Immediately upon arrival of the last officer back to the firing line, the officers **will have 2 minutes** to load 5 rounds of ammunition into their rifle, **positively identify their assigned target** and be prepared for the first command to fire from a supported prone position at a range of 100 yards. Bipod, pinch bag, ruck sack, tripod, etc. can be used for support in this prone position.

STRING 1: Prone

On the command to fire, all officers will have 60 seconds to fire **5** shots into the **A/B** zone of the silhouette head. After 60 seconds have expired, all officers will immediately safe and clear their weapons. Weapons should be unloaded, bolt back and magazine removed if rifle is equipped with DBM.

The entire firing line will move as a group to the 50yd line.

STRING 2: Standing

Officer will assume a standing / unsupported position*. Rifle condition will be 5 rounds loaded and the bolt up (bolt back if a semi-auto).

*Slings are allowed and encouraged. No shooting sticks, tripods or support touching the ground.

On command, the officer will have 60 seconds to fire 5 shots into the A zone of the silhouette body from a standing position

STRING 3: Kneeling

Officer will assume a kneeling/unsupported position* Rifle condition will be 5 rounds loaded and the bolt up (bolt back if a semi-auto).

*Slings are allowed and encouraged. No shooting sticks, tripods, packs or other support allowed.

On command, the officer will have 60 seconds to fire 5 shots into the A zone of the silhouette body.

STRING 4: Sitting

Officer will assume a sitting/unsupported position* Rifle condition will be 5 rounds loaded and the bolt up (bolt back if a semi-auto).

*Slings are allowed and encouraged. No shooting sticks, tripods, packs or other support allowed.

On command, the officer will have 60 seconds to fire 5 shots into the A zone of the silhouette body.

After concluding the 4th and final string of fire, the officer will unload and ground the rifle. Bolt will be to the rear and magazine removed if rifle is equipped with DBM. The entire line can move forward to inspect and score targets.

This is a 20 shot, 20 point COF.

Shots breaking the scoring zone perforation count for the point.

Officers must score a minimum of 16 points to proceed with the Basic Sniper Certification Course.

<u>Cross-Fire Shots / Shots impacting the wrong target will result in failing the COF regardless of points accumulated. Positive I.D. will be an ESSENTIAL element in every phase of this course.</u>

*We only use this target in the Pre-Screen Exercise and possibly a couple of other exercises. It was chosen for this test because it is quite large, easily scored and is widely available for potential attendees to acquire and practice on.

