



8 Hour Firearms CPT Training

- I. Safety guidelines
 - A. Basic rules of firearms safety
 1. Treat all firearms as loaded
 2. Control the muzzle
 3. Trigger finger indexed on frame, until on target and ready to fire
 4. Be sure of your target, what is between and beyond
 - B. Rules for a hot range
 1. Weapons stay in the holster unless on firing line
 2. Weapons remain loaded
 3. magazines may be removed from holstered firearm to refill
 4. Charging & press checking takes place on firing line only
 - C. Emergency notification & first aid procedures
 1. First aid kit
 2. Nearest phone
 3. Nearest / most likely responding agency
 4. Nearest hospital
 - D. Personal protective equipment
 1. Eye protection
 2. Ear protection
 3. Lead issues
- II. Use of Force considerations
 - A. DGOM Immediate defense of life
 - B. DGOM Substantial risk / imminent threat
 - C. DGOM Innocent bystanders



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- D. DGOM Policy, law, common sense and good judgment
 - E. Must be reasonable under the circumstances, when considered from the view of the officer at the scene—not necessarily “only the minimum amount necessary”
- III. Fundamentals of marksmanship
- A. Shooting platform
 - B. Grip
 - C. Sight picture & sight alignment
 - D. Trigger finger placement
 - E. Trigger control: DA / SA cycle
 - F. Shot placement
- IV. Shooting positions
- A. Standing
 - B. Kneels—high, double, supported
 - C. Prone—roll-over & in-line
- V. Loading & unloading
- A. Administrative unload
 - B. Administrative load
 - C. Weapon carry condition
 - D. Policy for department weapons, other weapons



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VI. Reloads & stoppages

- A. Emergency (lock-back) reload
- B. Tactical reload
- C. Stage I clearance (tap-rack-assess)
- D. Stage 2 clearance (lock-rip-rack-reload)
- E. Philosophy

VII. Use of cover & concealment

- A. Def. cover vs. concealment
- B. Good use of cover—rolling out across the edge line
- C. “Crowding” cover
- D. Awareness of available cover

VIII. Close quarter shooting

- A. Firearms positions based on 5 step draw (review)
- B. Body index
- C. Weapon & reaction hands
- D. Unsighted fire
- E. Follow through
- F. Close contact position
- G. 2-hand retracted position



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IX. Fundamentals Review

A. AR 15 System review

1. Nomenclature and function (overhead/diagram)
2. Weapon Operation

B. Administrative skills

1. Pre-service check
2. Administrative unload
3. Car carry condition
4. Drill: Pre-service check and admin unload

C. Marksmanship Skills

1. Primary and support arm functions
2. Stock position, cheek weld
3. Iron sights: alignment and picture
4. ACOG sights: sight picture and zero

D. Shooting positions

1. Standing: Tactical and long range
2. High kneel
3. Supported kneel
4. Sitting
5. Prone



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- E. Tactical skills
 - 1. Deploying weapon from vehicle
 - 2. Staying “plugged in” to the gun
 - 3. Selector operation and policy
- F. Reloads
 - 1. When to reload
 - 2. Emergency reload
 - 3. Tactical reload
 - 4. Live fire drills
- G. Stoppages
 - 1. Immediate action drill—handgun transition
 - 2. SPORT sequence
 - 3. Stage II / double-feed sequence
 - 4. Live-fire drills
- H. Sling use
 - 1. Regular (strong side/muzzle up)
 - 2. Climbing carry
- X. Demonstration of Proficiency
 - A. Handgun & Rifle Skills Course
 - B. DGOM Policy written test