

National City Police Department



Less Lethal Bean Bag Shotgun Training

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LESS LETHAL TRAINING:

There will be a Less Lethal classroom session that will incorporate a PowerPoint discussion pertaining to the lawful use of Less Lethal projectiles on a person. In addition to this material, the following Department Operating Procedures will be discussed: (052 Use of Force, 064.1 Less Lethal Extended Range Impact Devices. There will be a review of the less lethal shotgun (functionality and nomenclature), along with a live fire exercise and qualification.

DATE(S):

The date and schedule for the training will be determined by the Range Master.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT:

Officers are required to wear their department issued body armor, hearing and eye protection during all live fire exercises and qualification. All duty handguns will remain holstered at all times during this training.

Instructors will ensure the following is available for use:

- PowerPoint / Classroom
- Handouts
- Less Lethal shotgun
- Less lethal projectiles (less lethal bean bags)
- Body targets
- Range

AMMUNITION / NUMBER OF ROUNDS:

Officers will be allowed to deploy four (4) rounds onto a target during line drills in order to adjust shot placement of each projectile. Officers will be required to

accurately deploy six (6) less lethal rounds onto a body-sized target (Head, neck, and groin shots are not allowed) in order to qualify on the Less Lethal Bean Bag Shotgun.

TARGETS:

Full size body targets / either drawn on cardboard backings or purchased.

LIGHTING CONDITIONS:

Officers will be required to deploy less lethal projectiles during varied lighting conditions.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT:

The use of ear and eye protection is mandatory and will be provided. Shooters will wear body armor while shooting on the range. The Firearm Instructor will identify the first aid kit and go over the safety brief before live fire.

RANGE BASIC SAFETY RULES:

1. *Treat every weapon as if it were loaded.*
2. *Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.*
3. *Never point your weapon at anything you don't intend to shoot.*
4. *Be aware of your target, backstop and beyond.*
5. *Everyone is a range safety officer.*

There will be at least one portable handheld radio at the range during the qualification course. It will be monitored by NCPD dispatch and will be set to our primary channel, Dispatch-1.

FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR WILL ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- Instructor will bring all of the required equipment outlined in this lesson plan
- Range Safety Rules will be reviewed and enforced during the live fire training event
- The PowerPoint / classroom discussion on the use of Less Lethal Projectiles will be completed prior to the live fire drills and qualification on the range

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION:

The instructor will facilitate a one (1) hour PowerPoint discussion with officers. See attached PowerPoint outline.

RANGE / WEAPON FAMILIARIZATION:

Shotgun “Patrol Ready”

The instructor will give the shooters instruction and demonstrate the proper way to function check the shotgun and make it “Patrol Ready” for the start of the shift. Range Staff will also give shooters instruction and demonstrate how to safely make a loaded weapon “Patrol Ready” again. Once the instruction portion is completed, the shooters will demonstrate a function check of the shotgun and then make it “Patrol Ready.” Once the shotgun is “Patrol Ready,” point it in a safe direction, chamber a round and announce “Less Lethal.” At this point, “Code 4” will be announced, prompting the shooter to “SAFE” the weapon. Then the shotgun will be safely unloaded and returned to “Patrol Ready.” During this portion of the training **NO LIVE AMMUNITION WILL BE USED.** Student to instructor ratio will be 1 to 1.

Shotgun Function Check / “Patrol Ready”

- Remove shotgun from the patrol car
- Place shotgun on “SAFE”
- Rack the slide back so that the bolt is open
- Physically and visually check that the shotgun is not loaded in the chamber and magazine tubes
- Slowly close the bolt on an empty chamber
- Point the weapon in a safe direction, then press the trigger to confirm safety is functioning correctly. Shotgun should not fire.
- Place fire selector on “FIRE,” point the weapon in a safe direction and press the trigger. Shotgun should fire (on an empty chamber)
- Load ammo in the magazine tube
- Secure the shotgun in the patrol car

Loaded Shotgun made “Patrol Ready” again

- Place shotgun on “SAFE”
- Press the action slide release and slowly rack the slide down almost completely back so that the bolt is open, exposing the chambered live round
- Remove the live round from the chamber
- Remove the rounds from the magazine tube
- Physically and visually check that the shotgun is not loaded in the chamber and magazine tubes
- Slowly close the bolt on an empty chamber
- Point the weapon in a safe direction, then press the trigger to confirm safety is functioning correctly. Shotgun should not fire
- Place selector switch on “Fire,” point the weapon in a safe direction, then press the trigger. Shotgun should fire (on an empty chamber)

- Load ammo in the magazine tube
- Secure the shotgun in the patrol car

FIRST COURSE OF FIRE

Less Lethal Bean Bag Shotgun Line Drills:

The second course of fire is designed for proper marksmanship while using the less lethal bean bag shotgun. The shooter will be given instruction on when to fire the shotgun using proper sight alignment / sight picture. The shooter will be given time to practice proper sight alignment / sight picture (no live projectiles) prior to the live fire drill.

- The shooter will ready the shotgun with three (3) rounds. On the verbal command of "Threat," the shooter will announce "Less Lethal" and fire 1 projectile from the standing position at the designated circle on the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action and make the shotgun ready, assess the remaining threat, and then place the shotgun on "SAFE."

- The shooter will stand at the low ready position / weapon on "FIRE." On the verbal command of "Threat," the shooter will announce "Less Lethal" and then fire 1 projectile at the designated leg area of the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action, assess any remaining threat, then place the shotgun on "SAFE."

- The shooter will stand at the low ready position / weapon on "FIRE." On the verbal command of "Threat," the shooter will announce "Less Lethal" and then fire 1 projectile at the center mass below chest area of the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action, assess any remaining threat, then place the shotgun on "SAFE."

- The shooter will stand at the low ready position. On the verbal command of "Ready," the shooter will "Combat Load" 1 projectile into the open breech, chamber the projectile, announce "Less Lethal," and then fire 1 projectile at the center mass below chest area of the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action to extract the expended shell cartridge, assess any remaining threat, then place the shotgun on "SAFE." The shotgun will be visually and physically inspected to ensure it is a safe/empty weapon.

LESS LETHAL BEAN BAG SHOTGUN QUALIFICATION:

- The shooter will ready the shotgun with three (3) rounds loaded into the magazine tube (modified Patrol Ready). On the verbal command of "Threat," the shooter will announce "Less Lethal" and fire 1 projectile from the standing position at the designated circle on the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action and make the shotgun ready, assess the remaining threat, and then place the shotgun on "SAFE."

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- The shooter will stand at the low ready position. On the verbal command of "Ready," the shooter will "Combat Load" 1 projectile into the open breech, chamber the projectile, load an additional projectile into the shotgun's magazine tube, announce "Less Lethal," and then fire 1 projectile at the center mass below chest area of the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action to extract the expended shell cartridge, assess the remaining threat, and then fire 1 projectile at the center mass below chest area of the target. The shooter will pump the shotgun's action to extract the expended shell cartridge, assess the remaining threat, and then place the shotgun on "SAFE."

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LESS LETHAL BEAN BAG SHOTGUN SCORING FOR QUALIFICATION

Shooters must have at least 5 of the 6 rounds hit accurately. All hits must be below the neck to qualify. Any strikes to the neck or head will disqualify the shooter. If a shooter fails to qualify, they have to requalify again at the direction of the instructor. Shooters are not conditionally qualified.

END OF LESS LETHAL PROJECTILE TRAINING