
LAURENS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

SOP# T-032

PAGE # 1

SUBJECT: FIREARMS QUALIFICATION/ RE-QUALIFICATION

INDEX AS: FIREARMS QUALIFICATION/RE-QUALIFICATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/25/2006

I. PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for personnel for weapon(s) qualification.

II SCOPE:

This policy will apply to all sworn deputies and personnel in training to become sworn deputies.

III. POLICY:

A. General information:

Students enrolled in any firearms course conducted by the Laurens County Sheriff's Department shall be instructed in the following parameters:

1. Use of force.
 - a. Non-deadly.
 - b. Deadly.
 - c. State and Federal Laws governing use of force.
 - d. Consequences of using force even if non-excessive .
 1. Criminal Charges.
 2. Civil Liability.
2. Skills.
 - a. Safety First (Instructor inspects all weapons)
 - b. ALL WEAPONS MADE SAFE.
 - c. Nomenclature and disassembly/assembly.
 - d. Presentation drills/proper grip and stance.
 - e. Dominant/Non-Dominant hand only.
 - f. Precision Pairs.
 - g. Lateral weak, Lateral strong.
 - h. Use of cover vs use of concealment.

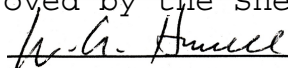
LAURENS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

SOP# T-032

PAGE # 2

- i. Engagement of multiple adversaries.
- j. Other as required for specific needs:
 1. Night Fire.
 2. Moving Targets.
3. Live Fire.
 - a. Selected course of fire.
4. Review.
 - a. Case Laws and Standard Operating Procedures for legal use of deadly force.
 - b. All students shall clean weapon(s) prior to departure.
 - c. All students shall load weapon as directed prior to departure.
5. Certification.
 - a. All students passing course of fire have successfully demonstrated knowledge with the above requirements.
 - b. Qualifying personnel shall complete approved course of fire as directed by the Range Master. Failure to meet the minimal score of 70% in one of two attempts shall require personnel to undergo remedial training.
 - c. Officers shall complete approved course of fire in one of two attempts within one month.
 - d. Failure to meet the departmental firearm standard shall require the officer to surrender his/her weapon to the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall meet with the Officer to arrange for further training or possible re-assignment. At no time shall the Officer carry a firearm while on duty with the department until it is approved by the Sheriff.



W. A. HARRELL
SHERIFF

7/25/2006

EFFECTIVE DATE