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STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: FIREARMS QUALIFYING - SHOTGUNS

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 4/25/2007  
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I. PURPOSE:

The following course has been developed to test and maintain the skills necessary to survive a lethal confrontation. The course will include a multiple target drill to test and sharpen the fundamental skills of practical marksmanship. The drill will include a by-stander target to develop precision shotgun marksmanship skills. The drill will have a time limit which will simulate the maximum amount of time an officer would actually have to respond to a confrontation represented by the drill. The drill will stress a balance of quickness and accuracy.

The structure of this course will not be altered for dim-light training and qualification. The only changes for dim-light shooting will be light conditions and the optional use of a flashlight or weapon mounted light.

II. SCOPE:

This policy will apply to all sworn employees and to their approved firearm.

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III. POLICY: COURSE STRUCTURE (SHOTGUNS)

Weapon: SHOTGUNS  
Target: 8" PAPER PLATES  
Rounds: 10 MINIMUM  
Time: See Specific Drill Information  
Scoring: SEE DESCRIPTION  
Qualification: COMPLETION SUCCESSFULLY  
Description: Standard Qualification Course

A. Drill I

1. The shooter will face 5 targets at a distance of 10 yards. A by-stander target will be placed in close proximity to one or more of the targets to incorporate the need for precision fire. The shooter will remain stationary while shooting the course.
2. The shooter will begin the course with a weapon that has been prepared according to policy, which dictates that a shotgun will be carried with a magazine fully loaded with 00 buckshot, hammer down. The weapon will be held in the "low ready" position to begin.
3. Course of Fire:
  - a. On signal to begin, the shooter must, within 50 seconds, successfully engage each target with one round while standing and each target with one round while kneeling. This must be done without striking the by-stander target, violating any safety rule, or manipulating the weapon improperly.

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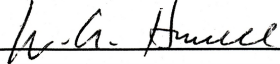
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4. Scoring:

- a. Pass
- b. Fail

  
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