

COURSE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION

TITLE: 2018 Shotgun In-Service Training

HOURS: 4 hours

GOAL: Provide marksmanship and handling training to all members of the Division along with ensuring each member qualifies in accordance with O.P.O.T.A. Shotgun standards

TEACHING AIDS:

Remington 870 Pump-Action Shotgun (1 per student)

Remington 870 "Red Gun" (1 for Instructor)

OPOTA RQT-2 Targets

Shotgun Range

One (1) Instructor per every five (5) students plus one (1) additional instructor due to running relays

Four (4) 12 Gauge "Dummy rounds"

Hearing and eye protection

Ammunition (32 rounds of Birdshot, 18 rounds of Buckshot per student.)

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUE:

Lecture

Classroom demonstrations

Live fire demonstrations

STUDENT MATERIALS:

Uniform of the Day

City issued service weapon (Glock Pistol) w/ 3 magazines

Belt, holster and magazine pouch used during the course of their duties

City issued ballistic protection

REFERENCES

OPOTA Shotgun Qualification Course: OPOTA Firearms Instructor Manual. (01/01/2013)

www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Law-enforcement/Services-for-Law-Enforcement

Police One Article by Captain Marshall McDonald, August 1, 2004

<https://www.policeone.com/police-products/firearms/articles/90794-Loading-and-Unloading-the-Police-Shotgun/>

STUDENT PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

1. Using a Remington 870 Pump Action Shotgun the student will successfully qualify by passing the O.P.O.T.A. requalification course of fire, effective January 1, 2013.
2. The student will understand and follow all safety rules when handling firearms
3. The student will demonstrate proper use of stance, grip, sight alignment, sight picture, trigger management and after action while using the Remington 870 Pump Action Shotgun
4. The student will demonstrate proper loading of the Remington 870 Pump Action Shotgun
5. The student will demonstrate proper unloading of the Remington 870 Pump Action Shotgun

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Cleveland Division of Police Ordnance Unit

B. 2018 Shotgun In-Service

C. Purpose of Course

1. To familiarize the student with the proper use of Remington 870 pump action shotgun and to have them successfully re-qualify as per OPOTA standards

D. Student Performance Objectives

II. PRESENTATION

A. Four primary firearms safety rules

1. Treat all firearms as if they were loaded / know the status of your firearm
2. Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you have made the conscious decision to shoot
3. Keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction, predetermined by your environment and situation.
4. Be aware of your surroundings, target, backstop, and beyond

B. Conditions of the Shotgun

1. Students will determine the condition by using the acronym S.C.A.M.

2. S.C.A.M.

a) Safety

(1) *The safety will either be On or Off*

b) Chamber

INSTRUCTOR(S)

SEE SPO's

SHOTGUN RANGE

**DEMONSTRATE
Using "Red Gun"
Dummy Ammo**

(1) *The Chamber will either be Loaded or Unloaded*

c) Action

(1) *The Action will either be Open or Closed*

d) Magazine Tube

(1) *The Magazine Tube will either be Loaded or Unloaded*

3. Condition #1

a) Safety – off

b) Chamber – loaded

c) Action – closed

d) Magazine Tube – loaded

4. Condition #2

a) Safety – on

b) Chamber – loaded

c) Action – closed

d) Magazine Tube – loaded

5. Condition #3

a) Safety – on

b) Chamber – unloaded

c) Action – closed

d) Magazine Tube – loaded

6. Condition #4

a) Safety – on

b) Chamber – unloaded

- c) Action – open
- d) Magazine Tube – unloaded

C. Clearing Process for the Shotgun

1. Students will ensure the shotgun is safe and clear upon handling it utilizing the safety mantra of Safety, Ammo, Action, Inspect

2. Safety:

- a) Student will ensure the safety is on
- b) Student will treat all firearms as if they were loaded / know the status of your firearm
- c) Student will keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you have made the conscious decision to shoot
- d) Student will keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction, predetermined by your environment and situation
- e) Student will be aware of your surroundings, target, backstop, and beyond

3. Ammo:

- a) The Remington 870 shotgun does not permit the removal of ammunition from the magazine tube while the action is closed

4. Action:

- a) Student will depress the action release located on the left side of the shotgun just forward of the trigger guard with their strong side hand; trigger finger
- b) Student will bring the action back approximately halfway and observe whether there is a cartridge being extracted from the chamber

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“Dummy Ammo”**

c) Student will reset the cartridge back into the magazine tube past the shell latch by pushing it forward with the support hand thumb until they feel and hear a click

d) Student will continue to bring the action rearward and remove the cartridge from the ejection port if one is being extracted

(1) It is recommended to use their index finger and thumb on the back portion of the foreend while cupping the remaining fingers around the ejection port to retain the cartridge as it is extricated completely

e) Student will finish bringing the action to the most rearward position

f) Student will push the carrier up

g) Student will remove all ammunition that remains in the magazine tube by pushing in on the right shell latch located on the inside of the loading port

h) Right handed students will use their left thumb

i) Left handed students will use their right index finger

5. Inspect:

a) Student will visibly/physically inspect the chamber and magazine tube to ensure they are clear

b) Student will break their focal attention by looking away

c) Student will visibly/physically inspect the chamber and magazine tube to ensure they are clear a second time to confirm they are both clear

d) Student will verbally announce clear if the shotgun is determined to be safe and clear

D. Loading the Shotgun

1. Administrative Load

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- a) The shotgun will be in Condition 4
- b) The student will follow all safety rules
- c) The student will visually verify no ammunition is being loaded into the chamber while closing the “action” and ensure it is locked
- d) The student will load the type and amount of ammunition as instructed into the magazine tube ensuring each cartridge is pushed past the shell latches

2. Combat Load

- a) Used when engaged is a shooting or range course of fire and the shotgun has run out of ammunition
- b) The shotgun will be in Condition 4
- c) Muzzle remains pointed at the threat or target
- d) Cup a cartridge in the reactionary hand between the index and pinky fingers
- e) Place a cartridge directly into the ejection port with the action to the rear due to the shotgun being depleted of all ammunition

(1) If the brass of the cartridge is toward the index finger the shooter should come over the top of the receiver and place the cartridge into the ejection port

(2) If the brass of the cartridge is toward the pinky finger the shooter should come under the receiver and place the cartridge into the ejection port

- f) Run the action forward chambering the cartridge

3. Tactical Load

- a) Used when engaged is a shooting or range course of fire and the shooter has discharged ammunition, but has not ran empty

Students will practice conditions using Remington 870 Shotgun and birdshot

- b) The shotgun can be in any Condition other than Condition 4
- c) Muzzle remains pointed at the threat or target
- d) Place cartridge(s) into the magazine tube to keep the shotgun fully loaded (fed) with ammunition or replenish what has been fired

E. Fundamentals of Shotgun Marksmanship

1. Proper stance

- a) Squared up on the target
- b) Chest toward the target is the ideal stance
 - (1) *This stance may need to be modified depending on shooters physical build and "natural point of aim"*
 - (a) Shooting stance that minimizes the effects of body movement on the firearm's impact point
- c) Feet shoulder width apart
- d) Transfer weight forward on balls of the feet
- e) Bend slightly at the waist

2. Proper grip

- a) Strong hand (same side as shoulder mounting) on the pistol grip
- b) Reactionary hand on the fore-end

3. Mounting the Shotgun

- a) Stock positioned high on the shoulder "in the pocket"
 - (1) *As close to the center of chest as possible*
 - (2) *Each shooters proper position "pocket" can be different*

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Students will practice getting into proper stance using Remington 870 Shotgun while the instructors provide feedback, guidance & suggestions

(3) *Ideal placement is based on each shooters physical build*

b) Cheek placed firm against the stock

4. Proper sight alignment

a) Shooter needs to center the front bead sight and rear flat notch sight

b) The bottom of the front sight bead needs to be flush to the top of the rear flat notch sight

5. Proper sight picture

a) Shooter verifies the target as a target and/or threat

b) Shooter properly mounts the shotgun

c) Shooter must focus on the front sight while still seeing the rear sight and target slightly blurry

6. Trigger Management

a) Apply smooth and steady pressure directly rearward on the trigger in such a manner as to not disturb

(1) *Sight alignment*

(2) *Sight picture*

b) Steady pressure must be continued to the trigger until the shot breaks

c) Additional pressure shall be avoided by the strong and reactionary hands

d) Pressure shall be continued to rear as the break of the shot for proper follow through

e) The trigger shall be released back forward and reset during the cycling of the action to ensure they are prepared to fire a follow up shot if required

7. Cycling of the action

- a) Required action to load the chamber, eject a cartridge, or eject a spent cartridge and reload the chamber with a live cartridge
- b) Cycling the action during recoil, returning to the proper sight picture, and prepared to fire another shot if needed (after threat reassessment)
- c) Methods to release action
 - (1) *Action release lever*
 - (a) Left side of the shotgun at the front of the trigger guard
 - (2) *Pulling the trigger*
 - (a) This method shall only be used when properly discharging the shotgun for just cause

8. Shotgun Presentation Positions

- a) Low ready
 - (1) *Stock tucked in the "pocket" 45 degree angle toward the ground*
- b) High ready
 - (1) *Nearly on sights, muzzle dipped slightly (approximately 1 inch), proper stance and grip*
- c) Full presentation
 - (1) *On target, on sights, proper stance, grip, sight picture, finger on the safety (assessing "threat"/ prepared to fire if needed)*

9. After Action

- a) Once the shooter has determined the threat is no longer a threat they shall ensure of 360 degree awareness

b) Shooter shall:

(1) *With the shotgun still mounted, place the safety on*

(2) *Lift their head from the stock while dipping the muzzle slightly*

(3) *Scan and assess the area to the right and left while taking and releasing a deep breath*

(4) *Lower the muzzle to the Sul position*

(a) *Modified hand position is permitted as long as the shooter maintains control of the shotgun*

(5) *Check muzzle to ensure it is pointed straight down between feet*

(6) *Continue to breathe slowly and controlled while pivoting either back or forward 180 degrees with one foot to assess the entire area for additional threats*

(7) *Remain in position sul while scanning unless you encounter a threat*

(8) *After situational assessment return to your original position at the low ready*

III. PRACTICE DRILLS

A. *Loading / Unloading*

1. Students will be instructed to a known distance on the firing line

2. Students shall properly load and unload the shotgun as directed by the instructor

B. *Shotgun Conditions*

1. Students will be instructed to a known distance on the firing line

Students will practice loading & unloading the Remington 870 Shotgun birdshot

Students will practice conditions using Remington 870 Shotgun and birdshot

2. Students shall properly place the shotgun into a random condition as directed by the instructor

IV. PRACTICE TEST

A. Stage 1

1. 10 foot line
2. 4 seconds
3. 2 rounds
4. Shotgun in condition 3
5. Shotgun in the low ready position
6. On command of fire the shooter shall
 - a) Cycle the action to load a round into the chamber
 - b) Properly mount the shotgun
 - c) Obtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture
 - d) Place the safety in the off position
 - e) Fire 1 round into the preferred area of the target
 - f) Cycle the action ejecting the spent cartridge and chambering the a second cartridge
 - g) Reobtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture
 - h) Fire a second round into the preferred area of the target
 - i) Cycle the action ejecting the spent cartridge and chambering the a third cartridge
 - j) Reobtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture and cover the target

k) On command properly complete after action

B. Stage 2

1. 20 foot line
2. 3 seconds
3. 2 rounds
4. Shotgun in condition 2
5. Shotgun in the high ready position
6. On command of fire the shooter shall
 - a) Obtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture
 - b) Place the safety in the off position
 - c) Fire 1 round into the preferred area of the target
 - d) Cycle the action ejecting the spent cartridge and chambering the a second cartridge
 - e) Reobtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture
 - f) Fire a second round into the preferred area of the target
 - g) Realizing the shotgun is empty pull the action the rear and leave it open
 - h) Combat load one cartridge into the ejection port and close the action
 - i) Tactical load three additional cartridges into the magazine tube
 - j) Reobtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture and cover the target
 - k) On command properly complete after action

C. Stage 3

1. 30 foot line
2. 3 seconds
3. 2 rounds
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5. Shotgun in the high ready position
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 - a) Obtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture
 - b) Place the safety in the off position
 - c) Fire 1 round into the preferred area of the target
 - d) Cycle the action ejecting the spent cartridge and chambering the a second cartridge
 - e) Reobtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture
 - f) Fire a second round into the preferred area of the target
 - g) Realizing the shotgun is empty pull the action to the rear and leave it open
 - h) Combat load one cartridge into the ejection port and close the action
 - i) Tactical load three additional cartridges into the magazine tube
 - j) Reobtain an appropriate sight alignment and sight picture and cover the target
 - k) On command properly complete after action
 - l) On command properly unload remaining rounds from shotgun

V. TEST

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 - b) Properly mount the shotgun
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 - k) On command properly complete after action
 - l) On command properly unload remaining rounds from shotgun

SCORING: Students must have no less than 6 points (100%) to pass the course of fire

VI. MULTIPLE TARGETS

A. Purpose

1. Threats are unpredictable and at times officers may face multiple threats at the same time or one right after another
2. Officers must ascertain not only if the multiple threats are actual threats, but also which is the greater threat to them
3. Officers should address threats in the order of their severity
4. Officers should consider the following when assessing threats:
 - a) What weapon, if any does the threat possess?
 - b) What angle does the threat have on officer?
 - c) What is the proximity of the threat?

B. Technique

1. Eyes / Head / Gun
 - a) Eyes

(1) *Once the shooter has determined which threat must be addressed first they shall lock their eyes on the threat*
 - b) Head

(1) *Once the shooter has locked their eyes onto the threat they will move their head to line up with the threat*
 - c) Gun

(1) *Once the shooter has locked their eyes and head onto threat they will either mount the shotgun or move the shotgun to the threat*

**DEMONSTRATE
Using "Red Gun"**

***Students will practice
technique using the
Remington 870 Shotgun***

C. Drill

1. Targets will be placed every other position
 - a) Each student will have two targets of responsibility
 - b) One to the right and one to the left of them
2. Student will be split into relays of six shooters
3. Students will themselves between the two targets of responsibility at the distance instructed
4. Shooters will be given the command to load the shotgun to "Cruiser Ready" and obtain a low ready position
5. Random commands of right or left and how many rounds to be fired at each target will be given
 - a) On command of "RIGHT" the shooter will:
 - (1) *Look at the right target with their eyes followed by their head*
 - (2) *Properly mount the shotgun*
 - (3) *Obtain proper sight alignment / sight picture*
 - (4) *Using proper trigger management shoot the amount of rounds instructed on the right target*
 - (5) *Look at the left target with their eyes*
 - (6) *Move their head to the target*
 - (7) *Move the shotgun to the target*
 - (8) *Using proper trigger management shoot the amount of rounds instructed on the right target*
 - (9) *Obtain proper sight alignment / sight picture*
 - (10) *Using proper trigger management shoot the amount of rounds instructed on the right target*
 - (11) *On command properly complete after action*

Students will practice technique using the Remington 870 Shotgun and Birdshot

(12) On command either properly unload remaining rounds from shotgun or address the additional targets

b) On command of "LEFT" the shooter will:

(1) Look at the left target with their eyes followed by their head

(2) Properly mount the shotgun

(3) Obtain proper sight alignment / sight picture

(4) Using proper trigger management shoot the amount of rounds instructed on the left target

(5) Look at the right target with their eyes

(6) Move their head to the target

(7) Move the shotgun to the target

(8) Using proper trigger management shoot the amount of rounds instructed on the right target

(9) Obtain proper sight alignment / sight picture

(10) Using proper trigger management shoot the amount of rounds instructed on the right target

(11) On command properly complete after action

(12) On command either properly unload remaining rounds from shotgun or address the additional targets

6. With additional time the aforementioned drill will be completed at different distance

PRACTICE EXERCISE

Shotgun Loading

Shotgun Unloading

Shotgun Conditions

OPOTA State Requalification Course of Fire for Shotgun

Multiple Target Drills

TEST

OPOTA State Requalification Course for Shotgun, 1/1/2013.