

COURSE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTOR PREPARATION

TITLE: 2019 Shotgun In-Service Training

HOURS: 2 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 per relay)

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 (16 rounds of Buckshot per student.)

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUE:

Lecture

Live fire demonstrations

STUDENT MATERIALS:

Class "B" Uniform

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

City issued gun belt, holster and magazine pouch

City issued ballistic protection

Hearing and eye protection

REFERENCES

OPOTA Shotgun Qualification Course: OPOTA Firearms Instructor Manual. (01/01/2015)

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, 2015.
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 checks 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.

stance

(1) This stance may need to be modified depending on shooter's physical build and "natural point of aim"

c) Shooting stance that minimizes the effects of body movement on the firearm's impact point

d) Feet shoulder width apart

e) Transfer weight forward onto balls of the feet

f) Bend forward slightly at the waist

2. Proper grip

a) Strong hand (same side as shoulder mounting) on the pistol grip, reactionary hand on the forend

3. Mounting the Shotgun

a) Stock positioned high on the shoulder "in the pocket"

b) As close to the center of chest as possible

c) Each shooter's proper position "pocket" can be different

d) Ideal placement is based on each shooter's physical build

e) Cheek placed firmly 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 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:
- b) Sight alignment
- c) Sight picture
- d) Steady pressure must be continued to the trigger until the shot breaks
- e) Additional pressure shall be avoided by the strong and reactionary hands
- f) Pressure shall be continued rearward at the break of the shot for proper follow through
- g) The trigger shall be released back forward and reset during the cycling of the action to ensure shooters 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 preparing 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. After Action

- a) Once the shooter has determined the original threat is no longer a danger they shall check 360 degree situational awareness
- b) Shooter shall:
 - (1) With the shotgun still mounted,

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

- 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
 - (5) Modified hand position is permitted as long as the shooter maintains control of the shotgun
 - (6) Check muzzle to ensure it is pointed straight down between feet
 - (7) 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
 - (8) Remain in position sul while scanning unless a threat is encountered
 - (9) After situational assessment return to original position at the low ready

C. Scoring

1. Each student will qualification using the OPOTA RQT2 target
2. The RQT2 target is a Silhouette humanoid target with three scoring areas
 - a) Preferred area
 - (1) Light gray inner outlined area within the silhouette from the head to the hips
 - b) Non-Preferred area
 - (1) Dark gray between the outline of the silhouette humanoid shape and the preferred area
 - c) Miss
 - (1) Any hit off outside the outline of

the silhouette humanoid shape area

3. Six rounds total will be fired by the shooters
4. Shooters must have no less than 6 points to pass the course of fire
5. A shooter can lose point for:
 - a) Failing to hit the preferred area (zero (0) point for each round fired)
 - b) Failing to fire rounds within the allotted time limits (zero) (0) point for each round not fired
 - c) Any round off the silhouette (-1 point for each hit off the silhouette)
 - d) Firing additional rounds (-1 point for each additional round fired)
 - e) Firing rounds over the allotted time limit (-1 point for each additional round fired)

III. OPOTA QUALIFICATION SHOTGUN 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 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 a second cartridge,
 - g) Reobtain 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 third cartridge,
- j) Reobtain appropriate sight alignment, sight picture, and cover the target,
- k) On command properly complete after action checks.

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 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 second cartridge,
 - e) Reobtain 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 appropriate sight alignment, sight picture, and cover the target,
 - k) On command properly complete after action checks

C. Stage 3

- 1. 30 foot line
- 2. 3 seconds
- 3. 2 rounds

Shooters sometimes forget to cycle the action following their shots. While facing downrange with their muzzles in a safe direction, explain to students how to check by attempting to move their forends rearward, and if their forend moves, having them cycle the action to eject the spent shell and chamber a new round, or, recognizing an empty weapon, reload if necessary as directed.

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 - e) Reobtain appropriate sight alignment and sight picture,
 - f) Fire a second round into the preferred area of the target,
 - g) Cycle the action ejecting the spent cartridge and chambering the third cartridge,
 - h) On command properly complete after action checks,
 - i) On command properly unload remaining rounds from shotgun

IV. OPOTA QUALIFICATION SHOTGUN RETEST (*Only if required*)

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 - b) Properly mount the shotgun,
 - c) Obtain appropriate sight alignment and sight picture,
 - d) Place the safety in the off position,
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 - i) Tactical load three additional cartridges into the magazine tube,
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 - k) On command properly complete after action checks

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 - e) Reobtain appropriate sight alignment and sight picture,
 - f) Fire a second round into the preferred area of the target,
 - g) Cycle the action ejecting the spent cartridge and chambering the third cartridge,
 - h) On command properly complete after action checks,
 - i) On command properly unload remaining rounds from shotgun

PRACTICE EXERCISE

N/A

TEST

OPOTA State Requalification Course for Shotgun, 1/1/2015.