KENSINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Red Dot Sight (RDS) Pistol Transition Course
10 hours CCN# 32067

PURPOSE

This course will provide the trainee with the skills and knowledge to use a pistol-mounted Red Dot Sight (RDS) effectively and safely during their law enforcement duties. The trainee will also receive an overview of the technological aspects of pistol-mounted optics along with proper maintenance and cleaning procedures.

The course consists of hands-on/practical skills firearms training for in-service officers as well as a review of 835a PC, Policy, and Case Law.

OBJECTIVES

Under the supervision of a qualified instructor the trainee will

1. Demonstrate their understanding of the Four Basic Safety Rules for handling firearms
2. Understand the use of a pistol-mounted Red Dot Sight on their authorized handguns.
3. Show their ability to safely deploy the RDS pistol in the course of their duties
4. Ensure their understanding of Department Policies regarding firearms and the Use of Force.
5. Demonstrate a minimum standard of tactical handgun proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course-of-fire, to include:

    - Judgment and Decision Making
    - Firearms Safety/Nomenclature/Maintenance
    - Fundamentals of Marksmanship
    - Safe Drawing and Presenting Firearms
    - Threat Assessment/Identification
    - Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness; Under Stress, From Cover, Movement
    - Zeroing of MRDS – in exercise(s)
    - Shot Placement: Combat Effectiveness
    - Capabilities and limits of the MRDS
    - Understanding Parallax of the MRDS – in exercise(s)
    - Malfunctions Clearing with MRDS – in exercise(s)
    - Loading/Reloading – in exercise(s)
    - MRDS Optic Failure – in exercise(s)
    - Low Light Shooting/Flashlight Manipulation with MRDS

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Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the trainee during their performance of each technique and exercise. If the trainee does not meet minimum standards, remediation will be provided until the standard is met.

EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE (10 Hours)

1. Introduction
    a. Administrative
        i. Sign-In Sheet and Roll Call
        ii. Introduction of Instructors
        iii. Overview of RDS pistol program
    b. Review Department Polices
    c. Moral/Ethical Issues Involving Use of Force/Lethal Force
        i. Moral obligations
        ii. Ethical concerns
    d. Civil Implications of using Force/Lethal Force
        i. Department liability
        ii. Personal liability
    e. Report Writing and Preliminary Investigation Overview
        i. Report writing and articulation
        ii. What happens during the preliminary investigation
    a. Legal Updates
        iii. PC 835(a)
        iv. AB 392
        v. SB 230
        vi. Tennessee v. Garner
            1. Deadly Force
            2. Fleeing Fellon
        vii. Graham v Conner
            1. Objectively Reasonable Force
            2. Force Factors

    b. Certification Requirements
        viii. Successful completion of 10 hours of instruction
        ix. Achieve a passing score on the Department Approved Qualification Course utilizing a Red Dot equipped handgun

2. Firearms / Range Safety
    a. Review Four Basic Firearms Safety Rules
        i. Treat all guns as if they are loaded
        ii. Never allow the muzzle to cover anything you are not willing to destroy
        iii. Keep your finger off the trigger until you have made the conscious decision to shoot
        iv. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
    b. Range Safety Rules
        i. Follow Range Rules
        ii. Follow Instructor Commands
        iii. Emergency STOP
        iv. First Aid Procedures
        v. Medical EVAC Plan
        vi. Eye and Ear Protection
        vii. Lead contamination concerns

3. Nomenclature and Specifications
    a. Nomenclature
        i. Optic Housing (Open and Closed)
        ii. Optic Lens
        iii. Emitter
        iv. Mounting Plate / Screws
        v. Optic Brightness Controls
        vi. Windage / Elevation dials
        vii. Battery Compartment
        viii. On / Off Button
    b. Specification
        i. Brand / Model of Optic
        ii. Red Dot Type (Dot / Crosshairs)
        iii. Minute of Angle (MOA) Options
        iv. Red Dot Brightness Settings

4. Optic Maintenance
    a. Replace Batteries Periodically
    b. Check and mark set screws for proper tightness
    c. Clean debris from lens using soft glass cleaning cloth

5. Elements of Proper Marksmanship
    a. Grip
        i. Reinforce strong master grip
    b. Stance
        i. Isosceles v Weaver Stance

c. Sight Picture/Sight Alignment
    i. Threat focus
    ii. Hold Red Dot on target with focus on target
    iii. Keep both eyes open
    iv. Ignore iron sights (They do not need to be aligned with red dot). Sight picture and alignment differs from irons sights. Iron sights and RDS do not co-witness.
    v. Parallax issues (MRDS and iron sights).
d. Trigger Control
    i. Prep Trigger
    ii. Smooth Steady Rearward Press
    iii. Avoid anticipating shot

6. Basic Shooting Skills
    a. Proper Draw Stroke and Presentation
    b. Accuracy and Marksmanship
    c. Recoil Control
    d. Balancing Speed and Accuracy
    e. One Handed Shooting (Dominant and Support Side)
    f. Reloading
    g. Multiple Targets
    h. Shooting on the Move
    i. Pistol Malfunctions

7. Red Dot Optic Malfunctions
    a. Occluded Optic
    b. Optic Failure
        i. Transition to iron sights
        ii. Utilize alternate weapon reference points
            1. Guillotine
            2. Ghost Imaging
            3. Weapon Land Marks
            4. Open Optic Window
        iii. Moisture and light refraction

8. Low Light Operations
    a. Red Dot brightness settings (Pros / Cons)
    b. White Light Washout
        i. Find setting that works in normal and low lighting

9. Skills Development and Qualification
    a. Zeroing of pistol
        i. Confirm weapon optic zero: 10-yard start, final 25 yard zero
        ii. Confirm back up iron sights zero: 25 yard zero

iii. As many times as needed to observe student proficiency

b. Conduct Skills Validation Drills

c. Basic Shooting Skills with RDS
    i. One shot draws from holster drill
        1. Natural point of aim
        2. Threat/Target Focus Sight Picture
            a. Proper threat focus with both eyes open
            b. Overlay dot on target with focus on target
    ii. Transition Drill
        1. Proper technique transition from one threat to another
        2. Focus on body positioning
    iii. Single hand Shooting Drill (dominant and support).
    iv. Shooting on the move
    v. Multiple target engagements
d. RDS Malfunctions
e. Low Light Operations

10. Qualification Course
    a. Students will shoot the current version of the department's qualification course at the time of the class
    b. Students will pass when at or above the minimum score
    c. Student's ability to safely handle the weapons and follow range safety rules will be taken into account with qualification.
    d. Unsafe students or students with negligence will fail immediately and will be allowed to remediate at a predetermined time.
11. Achieve passing score on Department Approved Qualification Course utilizing a Red Dot equipped

12. Course Evaluations and Debrief
    a. Course and Instructor evaluations
    b. Course debrief