

Manhattan Beach Police Department

Tactical Firearms

Safety Guidelines

Application

General safety guidelines apply to the department-sponsored tactical firearms training. The intent of these guidelines is to promote student and staff safety awareness and to identify potential hazards and prevent potential injuries. All training presenters and instructors will be furnished with a copy of these guidelines.

All training instructors will be responsible for adhering to all applicable safety guidelines, policies and approved outlines or lesson plans.

Facility Guidelines

The Manhattan Beach Police Department firing range is adequately equipped, including fire extinguisher and first aid kit, and suitable for the rigors of law enforcement firearms training.

Tactical firearms training courses will be conducted in a controlled area to restrict access to unauthorized personnel so they do not present a safety hazard.

The Manhattan Beach Police Department firing range is indoor and equipped with adequate ventilation and other safety factors associated with firing range operations.

The course site will be accessible to Fire, Rescue and other emergency vehicles and or personnel.

The Tactical Firearms Training Staff will complete an inspection of the Range before students will be permitted to commence live fire training exercises.

Upon commencement of the training, the staff will continuously inspect the facility conditions so that safety hazards can be detected and corrected should they develop.

A red rotating light will be activated and visible from outside the range entrance to indicate that live fire is occurring on the range.

Equipment Guidelines

Use of eye and ear protection will be required any time there is “live-fire” on the range if the student is engaged in shooting or while in the immediate vicinity of the firing line.

Each handgun shooter shall use a holster that is compatible with the type of weapon that he / she will use on the range

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Firearms are subject to a basic safety inspection and approved for use by staff prior to use on the range.

A firearms safety check shall be conducted after lunch breaks or other breaks in training. This will help insure that firearms are in a safe condition. Periodic safety checks throughout the training day may also be conducted if appropriate.

Clothing and footwear appropriate for the course of fire will be required.

The Range Staff will be easily identifiable wearing the “Instructor” uniform.

Each Range Master while working the firing line will be wearing a Red Safety Vest clearly identifying them as the Range Instructor. Communication will be done verbally and if necessary a whistle will be used to get the attention of the shooters.

Instructor Qualifications

Instructors have successfully completed a POST certified Firearms Instructors course.

Instructors shall have received training in the particular weapon(s) used during each training course.

Instructors / Range Masters shall participate in periodic firearms instructor update courses.

Instructional Staff to Student Ratios

The number of instructors will depend on the specific type of exercises. There will be a minimum of two instructors for five students during static line courses; however, this ratio may be lowered during tactical or moving courses.

A designated safe area has been established to accommodate students who are not directly engaged in shooting. Chairs and tables designate this safe area which is located outside of enclosed range facility. Students will be in the presence of range staff at all times.

Presentation Guidelines

Firearms Safety rules will be provided to each student in written form, and signed prior to actual live fire situations. The range safety rules shall also be posted in a conspicuous location so that students can quickly and regularly review the correct procedures.

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Students will be given a general orientation to any tactical shooting course prior to shooting the course. Firearms Instructors will monitor any factors that affect the ability of the students to safely perform.

Rules for unloading and loading will be posted on the wall and communicated to students prior to unloading and loading their weapons.

A safe area for students to clean their weapons has been designated off the range and away from the live fire. It is well lit with adequate ventilation exists.

Students will be instructed to wash hands, and face after shooting and cleaning their weapons to remove lead particles and other debris deposited as a result of the weapon's discharge.

Student Injuries

Action to be taken in the event of an injury:

In the event of an injury to student or staff, the instructor or trained staff member will immediately evaluate the injury, assure the appropriate EMT response is requested and provide basic first aid.

Investigation of Injuries:

All injuries will be reported to the Course Coordinator. If an injury requires more than basic first aid, the Coordinator will be responsible for documenting the injury on the approved online POST Student Injury Report Form and/or Agency Form <https://post.ca.gov/Regulation-1052-Injury-Report-Form>. The POST Regional Consultant shall also be notified in writing within 5 business days.

Medical Release for "Return to Training:"

The Coordinator will document non-participation due to injury. Proof of fitness to continue training will be supplied by the student or their agency after any injury requiring EMT or M.D treatment.

Emergency Medical Treatment / First Aid

At all times during the course, a fully stocked first aid kit shall be on the training premises. Should the need for immediate medical care arise, Emergency medical assistance will be obtained through the Manhattan Beach Fire Department by calling 911. A secondary number for the Manhattan Beach Fire Department is (310) 802-5202

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The nearest medical facility with emergency room/ services is:

Harbor UCLA Medical Center

1000 W. Carson St.
Torrance, CA 90509
(310)222-2345

Directions to Harbor General Hospital:

405 Frwy South to the 110 Frwy South, Exit Carson Street and proceed West on Carson. The Hospital is located on the south side of the street, two traffic signals west of the freeway.