



SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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RE: COMPLIANCE WITH CA PC 26165

To All Firearms Instructors:

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office compliance with California Penal Code 26165. While the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office already complies with the majority of California Penal Code 26165 there is a section of this penal code that was integrated into our current practices, as follows:

A licensing authority shall establish, and make available to the public, the standards it uses when issuing licenses with regards to the required live-fire shooting exercises, including, but not limited to, a minimum number of rounds to be fired and minimum passing scores from specified firing distances.

We appreciate the diligence by which each of you have been training potential CCW permit holders historically, but this law requires training standards. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office currently accepts completed carry concealed handgun training and qualification forms only from firearm instructors who are certified by either the California Department of Justice (DOJ), or the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS), and that standard will not change.

As of March 1, 2023, the following will remain the same when providing training for the CCW permitting process:

1. All Sacramento County Sheriff's Office CCW training classes must minimally include the following course of fire components to demonstrate proficient use of a weapon.ⁱ
 - A. Course of fire. Each individual shall discharge 50 rounds a minimum of 2 times according to the following schedule: (All stages are unsupported.)

Stage 1	15 yards	6 rounds in 30 seconds *6 standing position X
Stage 2	7 yards	14 rounds in 45 seconds (includes 2 reloads) Load 6, 6 and 2) *6 standing position *8 kneeling position
Stage 3	7 yards	6 rounds in 10 seconds (any position)
Stage 4	7 yards	12 rounds in 25 seconds (includes reload) (load 6 and 6) *6 strong hand unsupported (reload and switch hands) *6 weak hand unsupported
Stage 5	5 yards	6 rounds *3 rounds in 4 seconds (2 stages)
Stage 6	3 yards	6 rounds *2 rounds in 3 seconds (3 stages)

B. Scoring. The first course of 50 rounds discharged shall be considered practice. The second course of 50 rounds discharged shall be used for scoring.

1. Silhouette targets shall be used. A 5 - point score shall be granted for each round discharged inside of the seven (7) ring (center mass).
2. Each individual shall qualify with an 80% score (200 out of 250 points) on the scoring segment.
3. Each individual shall be informed by the instructor whether his or her score passes or fails.

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2. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office CCW Training and Qualification Form will be modified to include a certification by the instructor, under penalty of law, that the above minimal standards were met. As of March 1, 2023, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Training and Qualification Form is the ONLY form the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office will accept. Firearm Instructors must continue to provide their training certificate and qualification form.
 - A. The firearm instructor shall perform a safety inspection of each firearm prior to any course of fire.

I very much appreciate the service you provide to potential permit holders and the County's public safety.

Sincerely,

JIM COOPER, SHERIFF



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ⁱ The course of fire components adopted and additional information, can be found in the Department of Consumer Affairs BSIS Firearms Training Manual (January 2022), <https://www.bsis.ca.gov>. ADA accommodations may be made at the discretion of the instructor. In addition, instructors may make reasonable accommodations based on the weapon(s) being used to qualify their student for the course of fire.