



SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JIM COOPER
Sheriff

March 1, 2025

RE: COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION IN SENATE BILL 2

All Firearms Instructors:

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office compliance with legislation in Senate Bill 2 (SB2) which was passed, and signed into law, by Governor Newsom on January 1, 2024. Pursuant to SB2, California Penal Code 26165 (PC 26165) has been modified to include additional training. PC 26165(b) states: "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."

In accordance with PC 26165, the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office has modified the live-fire qualification. The former qualification has been discontinued by this Office effective immediately.

We appreciate the diligence by which each of you have been training prospective Carry Concealed Weapon (CCW) permit holders. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office currently accepts carry concealed handgun training and qualification forms from firearm instructors who are certified by the California Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Firearms, "Carry Concealed Weapon Program DOJ CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR".

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 11 Section 4412, any active or honorably retired peace officer who is certified as a Firearms Instructor by California POST are exempt and may provide the course of training as described in PC 26165.

As of March 1, 2025, the following live-fire qualification will be the standard 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 firearm (i). The live-fire portion of the training shall be demonstrated with all weapons to be listed on the license.
2. The firearm instructor shall perform a safety inspection of each firearm prior to any course of fire.
3. It will be the responsibility of the CCW Program DOJ Certified Instructor to determine and establish the following regarding the qualification:
 - a. Establish and employ a reasonable time to qualify at each shooting stage.
 - b. Establish the shooting position, stance, and grip from each shooting stage.

A. Each individual shall discharge 35 rounds from each firearm to be listed on the qualification form. Course of fire shall consist of five stages:

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| Stage 1 | 1.5 yards | 5 rounds |
| Stage 2 | 3 yards | 10 rounds |
| Stage 3 | 5 yards | 10 rounds |
| Stage 4 | 7 yards | 5 rounds |
| Stage 5 | 10 yards | 5 rounds |

B. The target shall measure 12x16 inches and capable of being scored.

C. The minimum passing score is 80%.

1. Each individual shall be informed by the instructor whether their score is a pass or fail.

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office CCW Training and Qualification Form has been modified to include a certification by the instructor, under penalty of law, that the above minimal standards were met. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Training and Qualification Form must be completed in a clear and legible manner. This form shall not be modified or altered.

The Firearm Instructor must continue to provide their training certificate and qualification form. Firearm Instructor(s) shall provide a copy of their Certificate or Eligibility from DOJ and/or California POST Certificate for instructors who are Peace Officers. Firearm Instructors shall not self-certify and/or self-qualify.

I truly appreciate the service you provide for the citizens of Sacramento County as they prepare to obtain their CCW Permit.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the CCW Unit at (916) 874-8450.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JIM COOPER, SHERIFF

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(i) ADA accommodations may be made at the discretion of the instructor. In addition, instructors may make reasonable accommodations based on the person and/or weapon being used to qualify their student for the course of fire.