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To: Jackson County Board of Commissioners
Don Adams, County Manager, Jackson County, North Carolina

From: Curtis Dowdle, Dean of Public Safety Training

Reference: SCC-PSTC Firearms Range Outline

The firearms range is utilized for law enforcement training and qualification for academies, in-service as well as specialty training such as Active Shooter and S.W.A.T. The range must be flexible in order to accommodate all aspects of firearms training as well as ability to accommodate future firearms training requirements.

Handgun qualification occurs from distances as close as 1 yard and extends out to 25 yards and further for some agencies. This requires the shooter to fire from several positions including standing, kneeling, and prone along with shooting while utilizing cover.

Shotgun qualifications occur from as close as 7 yards out to 40 yards or more and also include the positions of standing and kneeling and also shooting from behind cover.

Patrol rifle qualifications occur from as close as 7 yards out to 50 yards. Some agencies require distances of 100 yards, however a reduced target is used when allowed to simulate that distance. Shooting positions include prone, sitting, kneeling, standing as well as shooting from behind cover.

Combat course qualification as well as other training courses need targets that have lateral movement and need to be set up where a patrol vehicle and other forms of cover can be utilized in the course. Student movement, both lateral and vertical, is needed in order to make the combat courses practical to real life environments and conditions. Students must also have the capability to engage multiple targets.

All qualification courses and training are conducted in variable lighting conditions.

Other training includes Active Shooter and S.W.A.T., which includes simulation of room entry and engaging a threat (i.e. targets turn to represent threat). This also allows for judgmental shooting, as the officer has to identify the threat before engaging same.

In 2017 the range was used **94 days** by 14 agencies and 4 academies, which equates to **800 law enforcement personnel training**.

In 2018 the range was utilized **90 days** by 10 agencies and 4 academies, which equates to **785 law enforcement personnel training**.

Attached to this letter is a listing of training with date/time/agencies and number of students we have served in 2019 from January to current.

Firearms qualification and requalification for police agencies will be changing in 2019, which mandates officers who are issued a shotgun, rifle or automatic weapon to qualify with each weapon respectively for both day and night use at least once each calendar year.

Below is a list of state and federal agencies that have used the SCC Firing Range in Jackson County as well as a couple of private companies that do firearms training at SCC.

Local:

Andrews Police Department
Bryson City Police Department
Cherokee County Sheriff's Office
Cherokee Indian Police Department
Clay County Sheriff's Office
Franklin Police Department
Graham County Sheriff's Office
Haywood County Sheriff's Office
Highlands Police Department
Jackson County Sheriff's Office
Macon County Sheriff's Office
Murphy Police Department
Swain County Sheriff's Office
Sylva Police Department

State:

North Carolina Department of Insurance
North Carolina Department of Public Safety
– Probation and Parole and Corrections
North Carolina Division of Community Corrections
North Carolina Forest Service
North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI)
North Carolina State Highway Patrol
North Carolina Wildlife Commission
Western Carolina University Police Department

Federal:

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
National Park Service (NPS)
U.S. Forest Service

Private Agencies:

Balsam Mountain Preserve
Blue Ridge Public Safety

Attachments:

Firing Range Use 2019
12 NCAC 10B .2104
12 NCAC 09E .0106

SCC Firing Range 01 January to Current 2019

<u>Date/Times</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
January		
11 January/0800-1200	NCDPS/ Probation-Parole	2
14 January/1600-2000	WCU Qualify Assistant Chief	1
February		
27 February/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA	24
March		
01 March/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA	24
02 March/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA	24
04 March/1200-2200	NCSHP	12
06 March/1200-2200	NCSHP	9
11 March/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA	24
12 March/0800-1700	WCU Rifle Course	5
13 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	11
14 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	11
15 March/1000-2100	NPS-PRLEA	24
16 March/1000-2100	NPS-PRLEA	24
19 March/0800-1700	BLET	16
20 March/0800-1700	BLET	16
21 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	8
22 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	8
25 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	10
26 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	10
27 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	10
28 March/1200-2100	NCSHP	10
29 March/0800-1700	BLET	16

<u>Date/Times</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
<u>April</u>		
01 April/1700-2200	NPS-PRLEA	24
02 April/1200-2100	NPS-PELEA	24
03 April/1200-2100	Cherokee PD	25
03 April/1200-2100	NPS-PRLEA	24
09 April/1200-2100	Cherokee PD	17
10 April/1200-2100	NPS-PRLEA	24
11 April/1200-2100	NPS-PRLEA	24
12 April/1200-2100	NPS-PRLEA	24
16 April/1200-2100	Cherokee PD	19
22 April/1200-2100	BLET	16
23 April/1200-2100	BLET	16
25 April/1200-2100	BLET	16
29 April/1200-2100	NCSHP	5
30 April/1200-2100	NCSHP	5
<u>May</u>		
01 May/1200-2100	NCSHP	8
02 May/1200-2100	NCSHP	8
06 May/1300-2200	Jackson County SO	11
07 May/1300-2200	Jackson County SO	11
08 May/1300-2200	Sylva PD	6
09 May/0800-1700	BLET	16
13 May/1300-2200	Jackson County SO	18
14 May/1600-2300	Highlands PD	9
15 May/1300-2200	Sylva PD	7
16 May/1200-2300	Highlands PD	11
20 May/1300-2200	Jackson County SO	19
21 May/1300-2200	WCU Police	14
22 May/1300-2200	WCU Police	14
28 May/1500-2100	Sylva PD	12
<u>July</u>		
25 July/1600-2200	Cherokee PD	11

<u>Date/Times</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Number of Students</u>
<u>August</u>		
05 August/0800-1700	NCDPS Probation/Parole	9
06 August/0800-1700	NCDPS Probation/Parole	9
07 August/1300-2200	NCDPS Probation/Parole	9
19 August/0800-1700	Cherokee PD	14
20 August/0800-1700	Cherokee PD	14
28 August/1600-2100	Jackson County SO/Qualifying New personnel	2

FUTURE CLASSES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED

September

19 & 20 September/0800-1700	Cherokee PD
24 September/1300-2200	NC Wildlife Commission
30 September/1300-2200	NC Forestry Service

October

03&04 October/0800-1700	BLET
07&08 October/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA
09-11 October/1200-2100	BLET
14 October/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA
15-16 October/1200-1300	NPS-PRLEA
18-19 October/1200-2100	NPS-PRLEA
21-24 October/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA

November

06 November/0800-1700	NPS-PRLEA
20 November/0800-1700	BLET

12 NCAC 10B .2104 IN-SERVICE FIREARMS REQUALIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS

- (a) All deputy sheriffs and detention officers who are authorized by the sheriff to carry a handgun shall qualify a minimum of once each year with their individual and department-approved service handgun. The course of fire shall not be less stringent than the "Basic Law Enforcement Training Course" requirements for firearms qualification.
- (b) All deputy sheriffs and detention officers who are issued, or otherwise authorized by the sheriff to carry a shotgun, rifle, or automatic weapon shall qualify with each weapon respectively a minimum of once each year. The course of fire shall not be less stringent than those set out in the "In Service Firearms Qualification Manual" as published by the North Carolina Justice Academy.
- (c) Qualifications conducted pursuant to Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Rule shall be completed with duty equipment and duty ammunition or ballistic equivalent ammunition to include lead free ammunition that meets the same point of aim, point of impact, and felt recoil of the duty ammunition, for all weapons.
- (d) All deputy sheriffs and detention officers who are authorized by the sheriff to carry off duty handguns shall qualify with their off duty handgun a minimum of once each year pursuant to 12 NCAC 10B .2103 and .2104(a) and (b) with each handgun the officer carries off duty using ammunition approved by the sheriff.
- (e) All deputy sheriffs and detention officers who are issued or have access to any weapons not stated in this Rule must qualify with these weapons once each year using ammunition approved by the sheriff.
- (f) In cases where reduced-sized targets are used to simulate actual distances, a modified course of fire may be used.
- (g) To satisfy the training requirements for all in-service firearms requalifications, a deputy sheriff or detention officer shall attain a minimum qualification score of 70 percent accuracy with each weapon once in three attempts with no more than three attempts on each course of fire per day.
- (h) The "In-Service Firearms Qualification Manual" as published by the North Carolina Justice Academy is hereby incorporated by reference, and shall automatically include any later amendments or editions of the referenced materials to apply as a minimum guide for conducting the annual in-service firearms qualification. Copies of the publication may be obtained from the North Carolina Justice Academy, Post Office Drawer 99, Salemburg, North Carolina 28385. There is no cost per manual at the time of adoption of this Rule.

History Note: Authority G.S. 17E-4; 17E-7;

Eff. January 1, 1989;

Amended Eff. January 1, 1994; January 1, 1993; January 1, 1992; January 1, 1991;

Temporary Amendment Eff. March 1, 1998;

Amended Eff. January 1, 2011; January 1, 2006; August 1, 2002; August 1, 1998.

12 NCAC 09E .0106 ANNUAL IN-SERVICE FIREARMS QUALIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS (EFFECTIVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2018)

(a) All certified law enforcement officers shall qualify for both day and night use with their individual and department-approved service handguns at least once each calendar year. For the purpose of this specification, service handgun shall include any semi-automatic pistol or revolver. In addition to the requirements specified in Rule .0105 of this Subchapter, the course of fire shall not be less stringent than the "Basic Training Law Enforcement Officers" course requirements for firearms qualification.

(b) If an officer's duty handgun is replaced the officer shall qualify both day and night with the new handgun within 15 days of issuance.

(c) All certified law enforcement officers who are issued or authorized to use a shotgun, rifle, or automatic weapon shall qualify with each weapon respectively at least once each calendar year.

(d) The qualifications required by Paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Rule shall be completed with duty equipment and duty ammunition or ballistic-equivalent ammunition, including lead-free ammunition that meets the same point of aim, point of impact, and felt recoil of the duty ammunition for all weapons.

(e) All certified law enforcement officers who are authorized to carry off-duty handguns shall qualify with each such handgun consistent with the specifications outlined in Rules .0105(1) and .0106(a) and (h) of this Section.

(f) To satisfy the training requirements for all in-service firearms qualifications, an officer shall attain at least 70 percent accuracy with each weapon.

(g) The qualifications required by Paragraphs (a) and (c) of this Rule shall be achieved at least once in a single day in no more than three attempts in a single day for each course of fire and for each weapon for which qualification is required. Individuals not qualifying in a single day for each course of fire or for a certain weapon for which qualification is required shall be deemed as having failed and Rule .0103(4) and (5) of this Section shall apply.

(h) The In-Service Firearms Qualification Manual as published by the North Carolina Justice Academy shall be applied as a guide for conducting the annual in-service firearms qualification. Copies of this publication may be inspected at the office of the agency:

Criminal Justice Standards Division
North Carolina Department of Justice
1700 Tryon Park Drive
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and may be viewed and downloaded at no cost from the Academy's website at the following address:

<http://www.jus.state.nc.us/NCJA>

History Note: Authority G.S. 17C-6; 17C-10;

Eff. July 1, 1989;

Amended Eff. April 1, 2018; January 1, 2006; January 1, 2005; November 1, 1998; March 1, 1992.

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