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RE: COMPLIANCE WITH CA PC 26165

To Approved SCSO CCW Firearms Instructors:

The purpose of this correspondence is to make notification of the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office ("SCSO") compliance with California Penal Code 26165, which is in relation to CCW firearms training requirements. This section requires the following new CCW applicants:

1. A CCW training course be no less than 8 hours and will not exceed 16 hours
2. The training course shall include instruction on firearm safety, firearm handling, shooting technique, and law regarding the permissible use of a firearm.
3. The course shall include live-fire shooting exercises on a firing range and shall include a demonstration by the applicant of safe handling of, and shooting proficiency with, each firearm that the applicant is applying to be licensed to carry.
4. The licensing authority (Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office) 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.

This section requires the following for CCW renewals:

-The course of training may be any course acceptable to the licensing authority, shall be no less than four hours, and shall satisfy the requirements listed in 2 and 3 above.

SCSO approved CCW training classes must minimally include the following course of fire components to demonstrate proficient use of a firearm.

A. Course of fire - Each individual shall discharge 50 rounds a minimum of 2 times and minimally include the following: (All stages are unsupported)

Stage 1	15 yards	6 rounds in 30 seconds -or- 5 rounds in 30 seconds
Stage 2	7 yards	14 rounds in 45 seconds (includes 2 reloads) (load 6,6 &2) -or- for 5 shot handgun 15 rounds in 45 seconds (load 5,5,5 for 5 shot handgun)
Stage 3	7 yards	6 rounds in 10 seconds -or- 5 rounds in 10 seconds for 5-shot handgun
Stage 4	7 yards	12 rounds in 25 seconds including reload (6 strong hand unsupported, reload 6 and 6 weak hand unsupported) -or- for 5-shot handgun 10 rounds in 25 seconds (5 strong hand unsupported, reload 5 and 5 weak hand unsupported)
Stage 5	5 yards	6 rounds (3 rounds in 4 seconds X 2 stages) -or- for 5-shot handgun 5 rounds (3 rounds in 4 seconds, then 2 rounds in 4 seconds)
Stage 6	3 yards	6 rounds (3 rounds in 3 seconds X 2 stages) -or- 5-shot handgun 5 rounds (3 rounds in 3 seconds, then 2 rounds in 3 seconds)

NOTE- When utilizing a 5-shot handgun, the above standards add up to 45 rounds fired. The additional 5 rounds may be inserted into the course of fire at the instructor's discretion.

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.

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

C. Firearms inspections-The firearm instructor shall perform a safety inspection of each firearm prior to any course of fire. Each passing firearm must be listed on the training certificate and qualification form.

Thank you for your attention to this information and assured compliance with California State Law.

SCSO approved CCW instructors must possess a CA DOJ Firearms Instructor certificate. They must also possess a US Concealed Carry Association (USCCA) Instructor Certificate -or- an NRA LE Firearms Instructor credential.

Sincerely,

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