

<u>Course Title:</u>	Firearms – Rifle and Pistol
<u>Course Goal:</u>	Students will conduct basic and advanced courses of fire to improve tactical capability, solidify foundations of marksmanship and improve handling of the AR15 rifle and Glock 47 Pistol. Instruction will occur at the live fire range.
<u>Audience:</u>	Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team Members
<u>Core Competencies:</u>	Same as Course Goal
<u>Date</u>	Thursday, 06/18/2026
<u>Total Hours of Instruction:</u>	0800 – 1800 hours (10 hours) Information/Instructional phase -30 minutes Qualification course/ practical exercises – 8.5 hours Lunch – 30 min- Bring your own food Debrief – 30 min
<u>Location:</u>	Santa Clara SO range – 9600 Malech Rd, San Jose, CA 95138 - Pad 2
<u>Instructors:</u>	Firearms Team (Lead- Medina)
<u>AAR</u>	Hunter Gaither
<u>Mandated Training</u>	No
<u>Method of Presentation:</u>	Instruction / Live-fire drills

Course Objectives

Under the supervision of assigned instructors each student will:

- Demonstrate an understanding of Range safety rules.
- Demonstrate the ability to load and unload the weapon.
- Demonstrate the ability to accurately fire the Glock pistol and AR15 rifle.
- Demonstrate comfort in transitioning from rifle to pistol
- Demonstrate capability in engaging targets safely conjunction with a partner

A. Valley Medical Center

- AMR or personal vehicle for injuries requiring medical attention.
 - P: AMR CASEVAC to VMC
 - A: Self Evac to VMC

B. Basic First Aid Discussion

- Hydration
- Immediate trauma mitigation for GSW

C. Identify Safety Officer

- On-scene medics (Gregory, Munoz)
- 9-1-1 contact (Moran, Myers)
- AMR contact (Gaither, Barajas)

D. Discussion of pre-existing injuries / Reporting of Injuries

E. Notification of Netcom prior to training day

- Chris Medina

F. Rules of Safety and Conduct

1. All firearms are considered loaded all of the time – know the status of your weapon at all times
2. Don't flag your weapon on anything you are not willing to destroy
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target and you have made a conscious decision to fire
4. Be aware of your target, backstop, and what is to the left and right flank of your target and beyond

1-1 Orientation / Instructor / Overview

A. Class Orientation

1. Instructor introductions
 - a. Course Outline / Overview
 - b. Breaks / Meals
 - c. Ratio of instructors to students: 1 Instructor / 9 students

1-2 Use of Force Policy Review

Review of Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office Lexipol use of force policy 300

1. **Deadly force** - Force reasonably anticipated and intended to create a substantial likelihood of causing death or very serious injury.
2. A deputy may use deadly force to protect him/herself or others from what he/she reasonably believes is an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the deputy or another person.
3. A deputy may use deadly force to apprehend a fleeing person for any felony that threatened or resulted in death or serious bodily injury, if the deputy reasonably believes that the person will cause death or serious bodily injury to another unless immediately apprehended. Where feasible, the deputy shall, prior to the use of force, make reasonable efforts to identify themselves as a peace officer and to warn that deadly force may be used, unless the deputy has objectively reasonable grounds to believe the person is aware of those facts.
4. Deputies shall not use deadly force against a person based on the danger that person poses to him/herself, if an objectively reasonable deputy would believe the person does not pose an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to the deputy or to another person (Penal Code § 835a).
5. An "imminent" threat of death or serious bodily injury exists when, based on the totality of the circumstances, a reasonable deputy in the same situation would believe that a person has the present ability, opportunity, and apparent intent to immediately cause death or serious bodily injury to the deputy or another person. A deputy's subjective fear of future harm alone is insufficient as an imminent threat. An imminent threat is one that from appearances is reasonably believed to require instant attention (Penal Code § 835a).

1-3 Demonstration of Knowledge

- A. At the conclusion of the training each operator will demonstrate proficiency in techniques taught.
 1. AR-15 / Glock transition
 2. Precision shot placement
 3. Engagements under stress

1-4 Required Training Materials

- A. Assigned Glock 47 handgun and AR15 Rifle

- B.** Eye and ear protection
- C.** All approved/assigned SWAT gear
- D.** Targets – IDPA Silhouette w/ 6-inch dots / VTAC

1-5 Rifle and pistol courses of fire.

- Confirm rifle zero
- SWAT qualification course
- Live fire drills with shield
- Rifle/Pistol courses of fire

1-7 Range Clean-up

- A.** All student and instructor equipment will be secured
- B.** Targets will be removed from the range
- C.** Any equipment left behind will be handed over to the Lead Range Instructor for the range day to be returned to the owner

2-1 Debrief