

	<b>FIREARMS TRAINING MANUAL</b> State Form 39870(R/S-06)	Reference Number <b>APPENDIX - J</b>
	Subject <b>RIFLE QUALIFICATION COURSE</b>	
	Special Instructions	Effective Date <b>3/1/2023</b>

**Introduction:** The rifle qualification course shall be used to qualify members of the department who are issued a department rifle. The course is designed to allow sworn personnel the ability to demonstrate proficiency, accuracy, and weapon manipulation in a variety of shooting positions and distances, they may encounter during the course of their duties, should they select the rifle as their primary weapon system in a deadly force situation. *This course shall be completed by all members of the department issued an M-4 rifle.*

**I. Movement Safety**

- A. Selector switches shall be utilized during the course.
- B. Weapons shall be switched from “SAFE” to “FIRE” when the command of “GUN” is given.
- C. Selectors shall be moved back to “SAFE” once firing for the given stage is completed.
- D. During all movement, rifles shall be carried with the selector in the “SAFE” position.

**II. Rifle Qualification Course**

- A. The shooter shall begin the Rifle Qualification Course with the rifle in duty status (bolt forward, empty chamber, full magazine inserted, and rifle on “SAFE”).
- B. **100-yard line (Total rounds – 2)**
  - 1. On command, charge the rifle and fire two (2) rounds kneeling, sitting or prone position in **30 seconds**.
  - 2. Upon completion of this stage of fire, and after the line is declared safe, shooters shall move to the 50-yard line.
- C. **50-yard line (Total rounds – 4)**
  - 1. On command, fire two (2) rounds standing and two (2) rounds kneeling in **20 seconds**.
  - 2. Upon completion of this stage of fire, and after the line is declared safe, shooters shall move to the 25-yard line.
- D. **25-yard line (Total rounds – 4)**
  - 1. On command, fire two (2) rounds standing strong shoulder and then two (2) rounds standing support shoulder in **20 seconds**.
  - 2. Upon completion of this stage of fire, and after the line is declared safe, shooters shall move to the 15-yard line.
- E. **15-yard line (Total rounds – 6)**
  - 1. The 15-yard line stage consists of three (3) separate strings of fire. When not engaging a target, shooters shall keep the rifle’s muzzle pointed down and in a safe direction.
  - 2. For the first string of fire, shooters shall face to their right. On command, turn to face the target and fire two (2) rounds in **10 seconds**.
  - 3. For the second string of fire, shooters shall face to their left. On command, turn to face the target and fire two (2) rounds in **10 seconds**.

4. For the third string of fire, shooters shall face away from their target. On command, turn to face the target and fire two (2) rounds in **10 seconds**.
  5. Upon completion of this stage of fire, and after the line is declared safe, shooters shall move to the 5-yard line.
- F. **5-yard line (Total rounds – 4)**
1. On command, fire one (1) round to the chest and one (1) round to the face (Inverted trapezoid) in **5 seconds**. Shooters will then assess and stay at a ready position.
  2. Repeat one time.
  3. After the completion of the 5-yard line stage of fire, instructors will give the command to unload. Instructors will both confirm and declare the line is safe, prior to moving forward to score targets.

### **III. Additional Rifle Guidelines**

- A. The G17 target shall be used.
- B. The target is scored on a maximum 100 points.
- C. A passing score is 80%.
- D. Shots striking the large center of mass polygon score 5 points.
- E. Shots from the 5-yard line in the inverted trapezoid in the face area score 5 points.
- F. Shots in the gray silhouette body area outside the shapes representing the scoring areas described above score 0 points.
- G. Any shots outside the gray silhouette body area fail the qualification attempt.
- H. Movement during this course requires that selector switch be utilized. Weapon shall be switched from **“SAFE”** to **“FIRE”** when the command to begin fire is given. Selectors shall be moved back to **“SAFE”** once firing for the given stage is completed. Rifles shall be carried with the selector in the **“SAFE”** position.
- I. If an officer has two unsuccessful attempts at the qualification course, see FTM-010 for remediation guidelines.