

	TRAINING MANUAL State Form 39870(R/S-06)	Reference Number APPENDIX - A
	Subject PRIMARY AND SECONDARY HANDGUN Q COURSE	
	Special Instructions	Effective Date 2/1/2023

Introduction: This course of fire is designed to test marksmanship, which includes sight alignment and trigger press. This course also requires performance of basic weapon manipulation by the officer, which is required by the job to include: drawing from the holster, combat reloading, tactical reloading, administrative reloading, and basic foot movement while manipulating the firearm safely. This is not a combat or stress course of fire. Those subjects are addressed in other phases of training. Time limits have been assigned to each string of fire. More time is given for distance/precision shots, and less time, or urgency, assigned to the shorter distance shots. The goal of the Q course is to test accuracy, handgun manipulation, and safety. After each string of fire and any tactical or combat reloads, shooters should scan the threat area, de-cock (Does not apply to P365) and holster the weapon, unless otherwise directed. Scoring information is located in FTM-003.

I. **25-yard line (Total Rounds - 18)**

- A. At the instructor's command all shooters will step up to the line and load 10+1 (duty load).
- B. *During both strings of fire at the 25-yard line, instructors shall advise shooters that they may "thumb back" the hammer after drawing the weapon, so all shots are single action. (Does not apply to P365)*
- C. At the first command to fire, the shooter will draw and fire **9 rounds standing**, strong side with barricade support (if desired) in **50 seconds** aiming at center mass scoring area. Once the nine rounds have been shot or time runs out, the shooter will perform a tactical reload, which is not part of the 50 second time limit.
- D. At the second command to fire, the shooter will draw and fire **9 rounds kneeling strong side** with barricade support (if desired) in **50 seconds** aiming at center mass scoring area. Once the nine rounds have been shot or time runs out, the shooter will return to a standing position. The shooter will not perform a tactical reload. The return to standing are part of the 50 second time limit.
- E. After all 18 rounds have been fired, time has run out for the 25 yard line strings of fire, and the line is safe, instructors will go forward and score the targets. Instructors shall attempt to account, if possible, for 18 holes in the target once these three strings of fire are complete. Missing rounds or those that fall outside the center mass scoring area (including the face and pelvic scoring areas) will be marked and counted as misses.

II. **15-yard line (Total Rounds - 6)**

A. Instructional Note

1. Muzzle discipline shall be emphasized at this stage of moving and shooting. If the shooter draws too soon, they run the risk of muzzling the shooter to their

left or right. It is up to the instructors and shooters on the line to ensure firing line safety. Fifteen seconds allotted in this drill is plenty of time to allow for a combat reload that will arise. By design, this course allows instructors to observe and coach the students in performing a combat reload.

- B. Starting at the 25-yard line on the command of move, the shooter will run to the 15-yard line, draw, and fire **2 rounds** in **15 seconds** aiming at center mass scoring area. Once the two rounds have been fired or time runs out, the shooters will slowly cover-down, de-cock, and holster.

- 1. *A combat reload should occur after the first string of this 2 shot volley. The combat reload is not part of the allotted 10 seconds. This is for the instructors' awareness and should not necessarily be announced, other than general awareness of performing combat reloads as required.*

- C. At the 15-yard line, shooters will turn and face to their right, with the target now on their left. At the command to fire, shooters will pivot left to face the target, draw, and fire **2 rounds** in **10 seconds** aiming at center mass scoring area. Once the two rounds have been shot or time runs out, the shooters will slowly cover-down, de-cock, and holster.

- D. At the 15-yard line, shooters will turn and face to their left, with the target now on their right. At the command to fire, shooters will pivot right to face the target, draw, and fire **2 rounds** in **10 seconds** aiming at the center mass scoring area. Once the two rounds have been shot or time runs out, the shooters will slowly cover-down, de-cock, and holster.

- E. Once this phase is complete, the shooters will top off all of their magazines using the 19 rounds in their pocket in the following manner:

- 1. Fill a magazine to capacity and do a tactical reload. The handgun should be loaded plus 1.
 - 2. Fill another magazine to the 10-round capacity.
 - 3. The final magazine should be loaded with 5 rounds. This magazine should be the last magazine utilized during the Q course.
 - 4. Any overage or reduction in rounds should be noted and reflected negatively in the final Q course score.

III. **7-yard line (Total Rounds – 12)**

- A. At the instructor's command, shooters will walk from the 15-yard line to the 7-yard line.
- B. At the command to fire, the shooter will draw and fire **4 rounds** to the center mass scoring area in **10 seconds**. Shooters will slowly cover down, de-cock, and holster.
- C. Repeat this drill **two more times**.

- 1. *A combat reload should occur in the third string of this 4-shot volley. This is for the instructors' awareness and should not necessarily be announced, other than general awareness of performing combat reloads as required.*

IV. **5-yard line (Total Rounds – 10)**

- A. At the instructor's command, shooters will walk from the 7 to the 5-yard line.

- B. At the command to fire, shooters will draw and fire **2 rounds** to the center mass scoring area, **2 rounds** to the pelvic scoring area, and **1 round** to the face scoring area in **15 seconds**. Shooters will slowly cover down, de-cock, and holster.
- C. Repeat this drill **one more time**.
 - 1. *A combat reload should occur in the last string of this 5 shot volley. This is for the instructors' awareness and should not necessarily be announced, other than general awareness of performing combat reloads as required.*

V. **5-yard line (Total Rounds- 4)**

- A. At the command to fire, shooters will draw and fire 2 rounds one-handed, strong hand, switch to the support hand, and shoot 2 rounds one-handed support hand all in the center mass scoring area in **10 seconds**.

VI. **Scoring**

- A. Marksmanship medals shall be issued based on the scores during the Handgun Q course.
- B. Marksmanship Medals – Score Requirements
 - 1. Possible Club Medallion 100% on all courses listed in FTM 003
 - 2. Distinguished Expert 98 – 100%
 - 3. Expert 90 – 96%
 - 4. Sharpshooter 80 – 88%
 - 5. Marksman 70 – 78%