



**CUESTA COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Firearms Qualification Courses**

The Cuesta College Police Department firmly believes that a highly trained and professional police force is critical to accomplish our mission of providing a safe learning environment at Cuesta College for all students, staff, and community members. As stated in our Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, “Our fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property.” We demonstrate this commitment to our duty through continued training and development for our Officers in many disciplines, including the use of force and training in firearms skills.

What follows are the minimum qualification standards for the three primary weapon systems used by sworn Police Officers of the Cuesta College Police Department. Each course is designed to evaluate an Officer’s ability to safely manipulate and accurately fire the approved weapons for the department. These courses are the starting point of our firearms training, rather than the entirety of it. Each course is backed up by additional and frequent training in firearms safety, team movement, realistic scenarios, and decision making that is necessary for Officers to make reasonable decisions during split-second, life and death situations they may encounter.

Our department maintains an internal Rangemaster, one of our sworn officers, who is certified by the State of California P.O.S.T. as a Firearms Instructor. The Rangemaster develops and oversees our firearms “range” training, while working closely with firearms and training experts from San Luis Obispo county. The rangemaster is responsible for administering the training and ensuring compliance with the department’s firearms policy and training procedures.

I hope you find this information and our listed qualification courses informative, and that this communicates to you our serious dedication towards the protection of our community. It is our solemn hope that these skills are never needed, but we will always be ready if they are. Should you have questions, we invite you to reach out to our department by calling CCPD at 805-546-3205.

Thank you,  
Chief Bryan Millard, Cuesta College Police Department



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### DUTY HANDGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE

*Weapon(s) used:* Department Issued H&K 40 Caliber Pistol or approved personally owned handgun.

*Objective:* This course of fire evaluates the shooter's ability to manipulate and accurately fire a duty handgun using one hand, two hands, primary and support hands, proper flashlight techniques, and conduct tactical and combat reloads. This course also evaluates the shooter's ability to conduct after action drills with the duty handgun.

*Logistical Requirements:* 50 rounds of department approved practice handgun ammunition, a B-27 target and one static target stand per shooter, a stopwatch or shot timer, staple guns with staples, and chalk or pen for target marking.

*Description of Course:* The course is conducted from the 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, and 25-yard line, and is divided into 7 stages that are individually timed. The shooter will conduct after action drills after each stage and is responsible for keeping the handgun loaded and ready at all times. One tactical reload must be accomplished during the course at the shooter's preference.

- Stage 1:**      **3-yard line, 8 rounds total**  
2 rounds to the body in 3 seconds, two-handed (*do this drill 4 times*)
- Stage 2:**      **5-yard line, 10 rounds total**  
2 rounds primary hand and 5 rounds supported side in 45 seconds
- Stage 3:**      **7-yard line, 4 rounds total**  
4 rounds in 5 seconds from the holster
- Stage 4:**      **7-yard line, 5 rounds total**  
5 rounds in 15 seconds utilizing a flashlight technique (shooter's choice)
- Stage 5:**      **10-yard line, 8 rounds total**  
2 rounds to the body in 10 seconds (*do this drill 4 times*)
- Stage 6:**      **15-yard line, 10 rounds total**  
5 rounds primary hand supported standing followed by 5 rounds primary side kneeling in 45 seconds
- Stage 7:**      **25-yard line, 5 rounds total**  
5 rounds in 30 seconds

**SCORING:** Use the standard B-27 target. Rounds outside the 7-ring do not count. Total points counted include the numerical value of all the scoring rings. Rounds cutting the line between rings will count as the higher value. Minimum Passing is 350 out of 500 possible points.



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**PATROL RIFLE QUALIFICATION COURSE**

*Weapon(s) used:* Bushmaster AR-15 Patrol Rifle

*Objective:* This course or fire evaluates the shooter's ability to manipulate and accurately fire the patrol rifle using various firing positions from the 50-yard line.

*Logistical Requirements:* 20 rounds of department approved patrol rifle ammunition, one B-27 target and one stand per shooter, stopwatch or shot timer, staple guns with staples, chalk or pen.

*Description of Course:* After each segment of the course, the shooter will de-cock the rifle, place the safety on, and wait for instructions to move to next shooting position. Stage 1 is divided into 4 shooting positions from the 50-yard line. Each shooter will fire a total of 20 shots.

Stage 1

- A.) 50-yard line, 5 rounds from a standing position.
- B.) 50-yard line, 5 rounds from a kneeling position.
- C.) 50-yard line, 5 rounds from a sitting position.
- D.) 50-yard line, 5 rounds from prone position.

**SCORING:** Use the B-27 targets and score as indicated. All 20 shots must be inside the inner grey area. 100% required for pass.



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### DUTY SHOTGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE

*Weapon(s) used:* Remington 12 GA Duty Shotgun

*Objective:* This course of fire evaluates the shooter's ability to manipulate and accurately fire the patrol shotgun using department approved ammunition. This course also evaluates the shooter's ability to conduct after action drills for shooter/officer safety. The course of fire will require effective shot placement from ranges of 25, 15, 10 and 7 yards and is divided into 4 stages.

*Logistical Requirements:* 10 rounds of department approved ammunition, "Grey Man" targets, staple gun, staples, target backers, chalk/pens for marking targets.

*Description of Course:* The shooters will load the shotgun in "Patrol Ready" condition and ensure it is set up properly at the beginning of each stage. Shooters will conduct after action drills after each segment and tactically reload the shotgun. The shooter will ensure the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction downrange when moving between each stage.

#### Stage 1

##### **25-yard line – 4 rounds as follows**

2 rounds standing in 8 seconds

2 rounds kneeling in 10 seconds

#### Stage 2

##### **15-yard line - 2 rounds as follows**

2 rounds standing in 8 seconds

#### Stage 3

##### **10-yard line - 2 rounds as follows:**

1 round standing in 2 seconds (x2)

#### Stage 4

##### **7-yard line - 2 rounds as follows:**

1 round combat / emergency reload head shot in 5 seconds (x2)

**SCORING:** Use the standard "Grey Man" targets and score as indicated. All 10 shots must be in grey area. Both head shots must be in the head area of the target. 100% required for pass.