



KERN COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Policies And Procedures

TITLE: Simmunitions Training			Article: 1705
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POLICY

I. GENERAL

- A. The purpose of this Policy is to regulate the Reality Based Training (RBT) for officers with the use of simmunitions.
- B. Only officers authorized to carry firearms by the Chief Probation Officer may participate in this training.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

- A. The Simmunitions Coordinator is responsible for all simmunitions firearms-related matters.
- B. The Simmunitions Coordinator is in charge of all training activities.
- C. In the Simmunitions Coordinator's absence, a designated simmunitions trainer will act as officer in charge.

III. SAFETY RULES

- A. No weapons or live ammunitions will be brought to the training room or building (your Department issued firearm must be secured according to Department policy).
- B. Basic safety rules are to be practiced at all times.
 - 1. No shooting is allowed except as instructed by the officer in charge.
 - 2. All commands of the officer in charge or instructors are to be obeyed immediately.
 - 3. Disruptive behavior of any kind is prohibited.
 - 4. Major firearm malfunctions are to be immediately reported to the officer in charge.

- a. When firearm stoppages occur, they should be cleared in a safe manner.
 - 5. Violations of any simmunitions rules or commission of any act which jeopardizes the safety of others may result in expulsion from the training and/or disciplinary action.
- C. Safety equipment will be provided for simmunitions training.
- 1. Helmet
 - 2. Throat protection
 - 3. Groin protection
 - a. If an officer involved in Role Based Training (RBT) wish to wear their own groin protection, they may do so as long as it provides adequate protection and is authorized by the officer in charge of training.
- D. Clothing.
- 1. Students shall bring all equipment worn during field operation; duty belts, mesh vest, radio, etc.
 - 2. Long sleeved shirts and gloves are recommended.
- E. Injury (refer to Accident Procedures Article 1506).
- F. Lead Exposure Prevention.
- 1. Precautions shall be taken during simmunitions training to protect employees from excessive exposure to lead particles associated with firearms training.
 - a. Brass shall be picked up and put in a container other than a hat, pants pocket or any other item of clothing.
 - b. After the handling of firearms, the shooter and instructor(s) should wash their hands, arms and face with soap and cold water.
 - c. Smoking, chewing tobacco or ingesting food during simmunitions training shall be strictly prohibited.

IV. **EQUIPMENT**

- A. Firearms
 - 1. Glock 17T (three magazines)
- B. Other Equipment
 - 2. Inert OC
- C. Safety Equipment
 - 1. Helmet.
 - 2. Throat protection.
 - 3. Groin Protection.
- D. Maintenance
 - 1. All repairs are to be done by a designated Armorer.
 - 2. All firearms will be cleaned at the end of each training day. It may be necessary to clean during training to ensure working order of equipment.
 - 3. The Simmunitions Coordinator or his designee will keep maintenance records of simmunitions firearms owned by the Department.
- E. Officer Equipment
 - 1. Officers shall bring all Department approved field gear to training, except firearms, ammunitions, or any other equipment designed to cause injury.
 - 2. All excluded equipment shall be secured in compliance with Department policy.
- F. Simmunition Class attendance
 - 1. Officers shall be punctual for simmunition training.
 - 2. Simmunition training is to be treated like regular training with a seven-minute tardy rule.
 - 3. Simmunition training shall be subjective to the same guidelines as regular Department training.