

FETC COURSE 3 RANGE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

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NOTE: Officers who are not in compliance with the Commissions' equipment requirements will not be permitted to shoot the Commission's Qualification Course of Fire or participate in live firing phases of in-service training courses.

1. A minimum of **100 rounds of factory new duty or practice ammunition**; no re-loaded or re-manufactured ammunition is authorized.
2. Service handgun of a make and caliber approved by the officer's county.
3. Muff type-hearing protectors having a noise suppression rating of 25 Decibels.
4. Any officer participating in a Commission-conducted or approved county-conducted range event, which involves the use of lethal ammunition, is strongly recommended to wear body armor. The armor may be worn externally or concealed. This policy applies to both students and instructors. The Commission strongly recommends the body armor meet NIJ standards for Threat Level II, IIa or III. Standards and manner of wear are at the discretion of the officer's county/agency.
5. Approved eye protection with shatterproof lenses and a baseball type hat with a brim.
6. A sturdy waist belt capable of securely supporting the handgun and holster through sustained drawing and holstering. A belt of at least 1 and 1/8 inches width is recommended.
7. A sturdy top-draw or front break holster of the same type worn on duty. The holster may be of leather or man-made materials and must be worn on the same side as the strong hand. Holsters built into fanny packs, purses, and other like items are prohibited, as are cross-draw holsters, inside waistband holsters, shoulder holsters and ankle holsters. **The holster material must cover the trigger and be able to be securely fastened to the officer's belt.** The holster may be a paddle type holster, however it must have some type of device attached to the holster that secures the holster to the belt or inside the pants.
8. For revolvers, speed loaders and loading pouches should be used if they are worn on duty. If they are not routinely used on duty, they may not be used in qualification. Participants are permitted to use more than two (2) speed loaders when shooting the qualification course of fire, as long as it is the same number of speed loaders that they are authorized to carry on duty.
9. A minimum of two (2) magazines is required for pistols. Magazine pouches are required if worn on duty. If not worn on duty, they should not be used in qualification. Participants are permitted to use more than two (2) magazines when shooting the qualification course of fire, as long as it is the same number of magazines that they are authorized to carry on duty.
10. For personal equipment, officers should wear clothing appropriate for weather

conditions. Baseball type caps will be worn on the firing line and sun-blocking protection should be used when needed. It is preferred that loose fitting full-length trousers with belt loops and front and rear pockets be worn.

For safety reasons the following items are not permitted to be worn when shooting a range qualification course of fire: rain type ponchos, shorts, sweat pants, and any garment or hat that is the color red or blaze orange.

AUTHORIZED HANDGUNS

Only the following types of handguns will be permitted for use in range qualifications:

CALIBER: .380 ACP, .38 Special, .357 Magnum, .357 SIG, 9mm Luger (9X19), 10mm, .40 S&W, .45 ACP, and .45 GAP.

BARREL LENGTH: Revolvers, no less than 2 inches and no more than 6 inches; pistols, no less than 3 inches and no more than 6 inches.

Pistols and revolvers must have an internal mechanical device exclusive of the sear, that prevents a discharge if the firearm is struck with a sharp blow while cocked or decocked and the safety in the off position if the trigger is not depressed (i.e. a hammer block, drop safety, firing pin safety, etc.).

No firearms will be permitted if the barrel, receiver, or trigger mechanism has been altered from the design and specifications of the original manufacturer, or if deemed by the range officer/instructor to be unsafe or in need of repair.

Pistols capable of being fired single action must have a mechanical de-cocking device. Pistols of this type that do not have a de-cocking device and must be de-cocked by pulling the trigger are prohibited.

NOTE: Single action only pistols and revolvers are not permitted.

HOLSTERS

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Holsters shall be of the type that has a "primary retention device", in good working condition, fitting the firearm to be used, and holding the firearm securely. The holster must have some type of "primary retention device" that relies on something other than gravity or tension to retain the firearm in the holster. The holster material must cover the trigger, be of sturdy construction and able to be securely fastened to the officer's belt. The holster may be a paddle type holster, however it must have some type of device attached to the holster that secures the holster to the belt or inside the pants. See Officer Equipment Requirements, item 6., for specifications.

TRIGGERS AND SAFETIES: --- Pistols will be holstered, decocked, with the safety "ON". Each drill begins by drawing the handgun and will require the safety to be released as the pistol is brought out of the holster, with the trigger finger outside the trigger guard.

NOTE: If a county has a written policy mandating that the officer must carry their firearm with the safety off, the officer may do so after first informing the Range Master.