



# SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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**JIM COOPER**  
*Sheriff*

January 1, 2025

RE: COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION CONTAINED IN SB2

To All Firearms Instructors:

The purpose of this correspondence is to address the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office compliance with legislation passed and signed into law by Governor Newsom in Senate Bill 2, (SB2) effective January 1, 2024. Pursuant to SB2, California Penal Code 26165 (PC 26165) has been modified to include additional training. PC 26165(b) states: "A licensing authority shall establish, and make available to the public, the standards it uses when issuing licenses with regards to the required live-fire shooting exercises, including, but not limited to, a minimum number of rounds to be fired and minimum passing scores from specified firing distances."

The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office will continue to use the firearms qualification as established by the California Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) as the standard. This standard went into effect on March 1, 2023 and will continue unless changed by this Office.

We appreciate the diligence by which each of you have been training potential CCW permit holders historically, but this law requires training standards. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office currently accepts completed carry concealed handgun training and qualification forms only from firearm instructors who are certified by the California Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Firearms, "Carry Concealed Weapon Program DOJ CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR". Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 11 Section 4412, any active or honorably retired peace officer who is certified as a Firearms Instructor by California POST are exempt and may provide the course of training as described in Penal Code, 26165. As of March 1, 2023, the following will remain the same when providing training for the CCW permitting process:

1. All Sacramento County Sheriff's Office CCW training classes must minimally include the following course of fire components to demonstrate proficient use of a weapon.(i )

A. Course of fire. Each individual shall discharge 50 rounds a minimum of 2 times according to the following schedule: (All stages are unsupported.)

Stage 1	15 yards	6 rounds in 30 seconds *6 standing position X
Stage 2	7 yards	14 rounds in 45 seconds (includes 2 reloads) Load 6, 6 and 2) *6 standing position *8 kneeling position
Stage 3	7 yards	6 rounds in 10 seconds (any position)
Stage 4	7 yards	12 rounds in 25 seconds (includes reload) (load 6 and 6) *6 strong hand unsupported (reload and switch hands) *6 weak hand unsupported
Stage 5	5 yards	6 rounds *3 rounds in 4 seconds (2 stages)
Stage 6	3 yards	6 rounds *2 rounds in 3 seconds (3 stages)

B. Scoring. The first course of 50 rounds discharged shall be considered practice. The second course of 50 rounds discharged shall be used for scoring.

1. Silhouette targets shall be used. A 5 - point score shall be granted for each round discharged inside of the seven (7) ring (center mass).
2. Each individual shall qualify with an 80% score (200 out of 250 points) on the scoring segment.
3. Each individual shall be informed by the instructor whether his or her score passes or fails.

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2. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office CCW Training and Qualification Form has been modified to include a certification by the instructor, under penalty of law, that the above minimal standards were met. As modified on January 1, 2024, the completed Sacramento County Sheriff's Office Training and Qualification Form must be completely filled in in a clear and legible manner. This form shall not be altered. The Firearm Instructor must continue to provide their training certificate and qualification form. Firearm Instructor shall provide a copy of their Certificate or Eligibility from DOJ and/or California POST Certificate for instructors that are Peace Officers. A Firearm Instructor shall not self-certify.

A. The firearm instructor shall perform a safety inspection of each firearm prior to any course of fire.

I truly appreciate the service you provide for the citizens of Sacramento County as they prepare to obtain their CCW Permit. Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Cooper". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

JIM COOPER, SHERIFF

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i The course of fire components adopted and additional information, can be found in the Department of Consumer Affairs BSIS Firearms Training Manual (January 2022), <https://www.bsis.ca.gov>. ADA accommodations may be made at the discretion of the instructor. In addition, instructors may make reasonable accommodations based on the weapon(s) being used to qualify their student for the course of fire.