

SHOTGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE: 2013 OPOTA

TARGET:	OPOTA RQT-2
NUMBER OF ROUNDS:	6 Buckshot 2 Rifled Slugs
FIRING RANGE DISTANCE REQ.:	From 10 feet to 50 feet
TIME LIMITS:	Varied
LIGHT CONDITIONS:	Day light (normal)
MODE OF CARRY:	Position Sul or Low Ready
MAGAZINE TUBE PREPARED:	Stage dependant

Course of fire begins with a proper load and make ready for each relay.

Note: There is no time limit for the officer to scan and recover to a Position Sul or Low Ready position. Officers must apply the safety when at a ready position unless in condition 3.

Good weapon handling skills and proper tactics are to be utilized when handling all weapon systems on line.

This course of fire is designed to be run in such a fashion that it minimizes administrative manipulations of weapons and poor uses of tactics.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Shotgun Conditions:

- **Condition 4:** Magazine tube empty, chamber empty, action locked open and safety on. The weapon is completely unloaded.
- **Condition 3:** Also known as “**Cruiser Ready**” Magazine tube loaded, chamber empty, action closed, with action bars/hammer released and the safety off.
- **Condition 2:** Magazine tube loaded, chamber loaded and the safety on.
- **Condition 1:** Magazine tube loaded, chamber loaded and safety off.

Position Sul: The shotgun stock is indexed on the upper chest/shoulder area. The dominant hand is holding onto the grip with the trigger finger extended along the receiver. The non dominant hand is holding onto the fore end. The muzzle is pointed down towards the ground. The end result is the shooter standing muzzle down as if inside an imaginary hoola hoop so he/she can turn 360° keeping the muzzle inside of the hoop.

Low Ready: Stock seated at shoulder, muzzle indexed toward the ground at about 45 degrees.

High Ready: This term applies to the pistol. It is a two hand hold high in the center of the shooters chest. The forearms are resting on the lower ribs with the muzzle of the pistol parallel to the deck and oriented toward the threat. The weapon can be fired at close quarters from this position or it can quickly & easily be brought up and out for two hand sighted fire.

360° Scan: This can also be called or referred to as “360° awareness”. Shooters need to be conscious of their muzzle direction as they scan left, right and rear. Muzzle control can be maintained by using Position Sul while checking 360°

Administrative Load: The shotgun is kept seated in the shoulder with the dominant hand on the grip. The support hand does the reloading either into the magazine tube or directly into the opened action. Smaller officers may opt to tuck the butt stock under their armpit maintaining the strong hand on the grip.

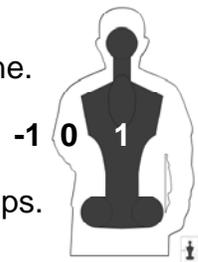
GLOSSARY OF TERMS continued

Combat Load: Placing a shotgun round directly into the open action of a shotgun and chambering it.

Select Load: A select load is when a specific type of shell is needed that is not currently loaded in the shotgun. The current shell is removed from the chamber and the desired shell is loaded.

Flanking Step: A step to the side, left or right, which gets the officer off the spot where the suspect is focusing his attack. This could be one big step or several small ones.

Silhouette Area: The entire area contained within the humanoid target outline.
(The entire white and dark area shown)



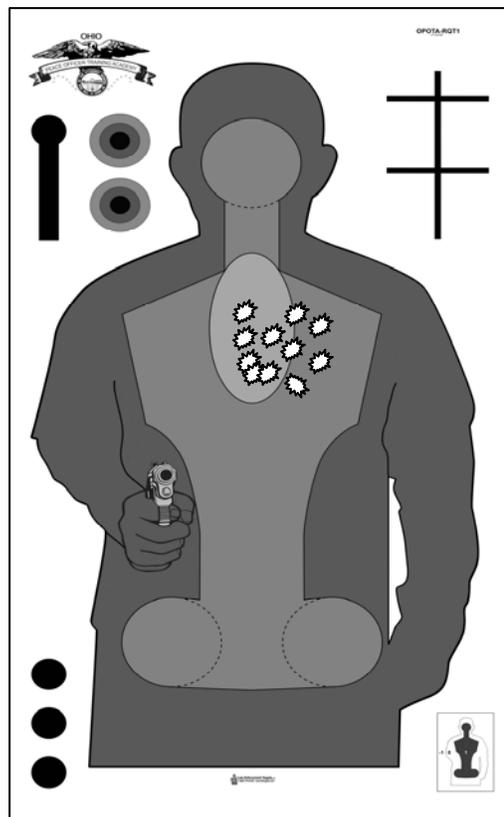
Preferred Area: The inner outlined area within the silhouette from head to hips.
(The dark area shown)

SCORING

The shotgun target is scored the following way:

Buckshot Rounds

All pellets fired must strike within the silhouette portion of the target. Pellets striking outside of the silhouette, that are errant in nature and well outside of the established shot grouping, may be excluded from scoring at the discretion of the range officer scoring the target. There is no penalty for failing to utilize flanking steps or 360 degree scanning.



SCORING continued

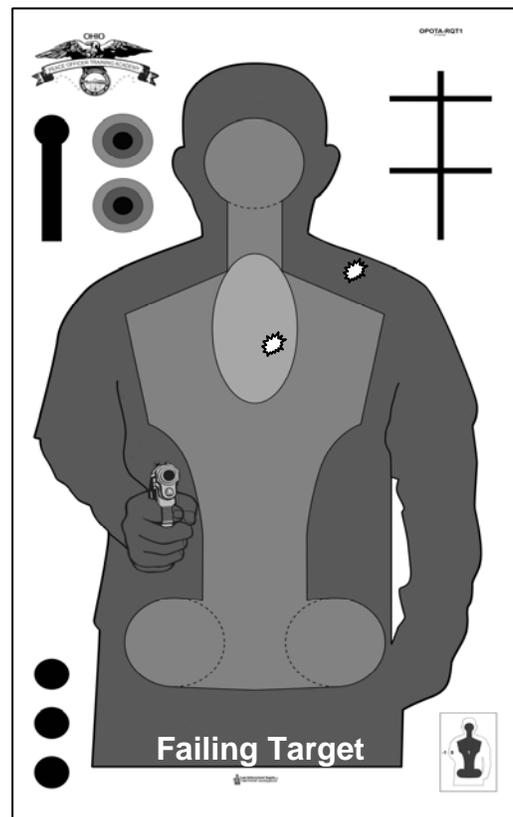
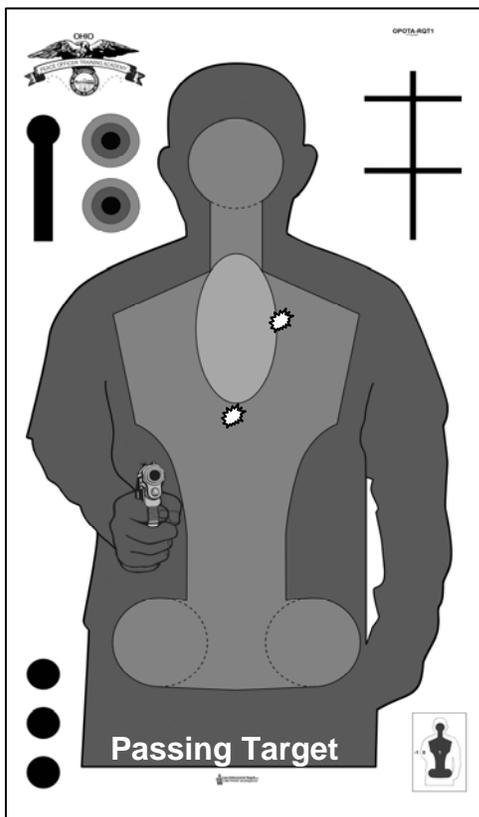
Slug Rounds (stage 4)

Stage 4 of the shotgun qualification is applicable to agencies that utilize & deploy rifled slug rounds in their shotgun program. This stage is also applicable to basic peace officer training shotgun qualification standards.

Important note:

If the qualifying agency does not deploy rifled slugs they are not required to fire stage 4.

100% of all slug rounds fired must be within the preferred area.



Shotgun Course of Fire

The course of fire begins with the shotgun loaded with 4 rounds of buckshot in condition 3, with the shooter in the low ready position.

Load & Make Ready

- Shooters on line, with your pistols, load and make ready, press check, de-cock and holster.
- Shooters, with your shotgun, load 4 rounds of buckshot to condition 3.

(SHOTGUN): Load and Make Ready Walk Through

1. Point the shotgun in a safe direction and check the condition of the shotgun.
2. Present the shotgun on the target and get on the sights
3. Bring the weapon into the Sul or low ready position, open the action, and inspect the chamber and magazine tube for shells
4. Close the action on an empty chamber
5. Point the shotgun in a safe direction, remove the safety, and press the trigger
6. Retrieve rounds from where you would normally keep them and load 4 rounds buckshot into the magazine tube
7. Present the shotgun on the target and get on the sights. Lower the weapon, breathe, scan and work your way back to the Sul or low ready position while checking 360^o

** The shotgun is now in Condition 3.**

Stage 1 Distance to Target: 10 Feet

From condition 3 on the facing of the target or the sound of the timer, the shooter will present and fire 2 rounds in 4 seconds into the center mass area of the target.

After firing:

- Take a flanking step left or right
- Breathe, scan 360^o, place the safety on and remain in condition 2.

** This drill is completed 1 time for a total of 2 rounds.

** Weapon remains in condition 2, loaded with 2 rounds going into Stage 2.

Stage 2 Distance to Target: 20 Feet

From condition 2 on the facing of the target or the sound of the timer, the shooter will present and fire 2 rounds in 3 seconds into the center mass area of the target.

After firing:

- Take a flanking step left or right, breathe, scan 360°
- Perform an in-position load with 4 rounds buckshot to condition 2
 1. Combat load 1 buckshot round directly into the ejection port and close the action.
 2. Place the safety on.
 3. Thumb 3 more buckshot rounds into the magazine tube.

** This drill is completed 1 time for a total of 2 rounds.

** Weapon remains in condition 2, loaded with 4 rounds going into Stage 3.

Stage 3 Distance to Target: 30 Feet

From condition 2 on the facing of the target or the sound of the timer, the shooter will present and fire 2 rounds in 3 seconds into the center mass area of the target.

After firing:

- Take a flanking step left or right.
- Breathe, scan 360°, place the safety on and remain in condition 2.

** This drill is completed 1 time for a total of 2 rounds.

** Weapon remains in condition 2, loaded with 2 rounds going into Stage 4.

****If you are not shooting stage 4 skip to unload and clear ****

Stage 4 Distance to Target: 50 Feet

Select Load for slug shooting stage.

From condition 2 on the facing of the target or the sound of the timer, the shooter will perform a select load procedure, loading and chambering a rifled slug. Thumb an additional slug round into the magazine tube and engage the center mass region of the target with two (2) slug rounds. You have 20 seconds to complete the drill.

After firing:

- Take a flanking step left or right.
- Breathe, scan 360°, place the safety on and remain in condition 2.

** Stand easy on line and wait for commands to unload and clear shotguns and pistols

Ending: Unload & Clear Shotgun

- Shooters on line, take shotguns to condition 4 and check safe.
- Shooters on line, with your pistol, unload, clear and holster an empty weapon.

(SHOTGUN): Unload & Clear Walk Through

1. Present the shotgun on the target and get on the sights
2. Bring the weapon into the low ready position
3. Place the safety on
4. Remove the round from the chamber and put it away taking the weapon back to condition 3
5. Remove any remaining shells from the magazine tube and put them away
6. Visually and physically inspect the chamber and magazine tube
7. Look away
8. Visually and physically inspect the chamber and magazine tube again
9. Return the shotgun to the Sul position and secure it

SHOTGUN QUALIFICATION COURSE FIELD OPERATION CHECKLIST

COURSE PREPARATION	Place shotgun in <u>Condition 3</u> and load the magazine tube with 4 rounds of Buckshot.
STAGE 1 Range: 10 Ft. Time: 4 Sec. Rounds: 2	Action: 1. From Condition 3, on signal 2. Fire 2 rounds target center mass After Action: 1. Take a flanking step, breath and scan 2. Shotgun is now in Condition2
STAGE 2 Range: 20 Ft. Time: 3 Sec. Rounds: 2	Action: 1. From Condition 2, on signal, 2. Fire 2 rounds target center mass After Action: 1. Flanking step, breath, scan 360° 2. Combat Load 1 round of Buckshot and close ejection port 3. Place safety on 4. Load 3 rounds of Buckshot in magazine tube 5. Shotgun remains in Condition 2
STAGE 3 Range: 30 Ft. Action Time: 3 Sec. Rounds 2	Action: 1. From Condition 2, on signal 2. Fire 2 rounds target center mass After Action: 1. Flanking step 2. Breath and scan 3. Shotgun remains in Condition 2
STAGE 4 (<u>SLUG</u>) Range: 50 Ft. Time: 20 Sec. Rounds: 2	Action: 1. From Condition 2, on signal 2. Execute a select load procedure with 2 rifled slugs 3. Fire 2 slugs center mass in target After Action: 1. Flanking step 2. Breath and scan 3. Shotgun remains in Condition 2