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LESSON PLAN

INTRODUCTION TO THE COMBAT PISTOL PROGRAM

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INTRODUCTION

(3 MIN)

(ON SLIDE #1)

1. GAIN ATTENTION. Marksmanship proficiency is the cornerstone of a Marine's effectiveness in any combat situation. The goal of marksmanship training is to develop this proficiency to a combat-effective level. Marine Corps policy requires that all Marines be thoroughly trained and capable of safely and effectively employing those weapons appropriate to their grade and duty assignment. To this end, the Marine Corps Combat Pistol Program (CPP) functions to provide marksmanship training to those Marines who are required by T/O, grade, or duty assignment to carry the M9 service pistol. Through classroom, dry practice, and live fire training, the CPP prepares Marines to be combat-effective with the pistol in support of their unit's mission.
2. OVERVIEW. This lesson will introduce Marine Corps pistol marksmanship training with the M9 service pistol.
3. INTRODUCE LEARNING OBJECTIVES. This lesson is provided as an introduction to the Marine Corps CPP. There are no Terminal or Enabling Learning Objectives for this lesson.
4. METHOD. This lesson will be taught in a classroom setting using lecture.
5. EVALUATION. The Marine will not be tested on the material in this lesson.

TRANSITION: The intent of the CPP is to provide classroom, dry practice, and live fire training on basic and combat pistol marksmanship skills. Systematically, the emphasis of the training program shifts from fundamental to combat applications with skills gradually refined until Marines are at a combat-ready level.

BODY

(8 MIN)

1. (8 MIN) MARINE CORPS COMBAT PISTOL PROGRAM

- a. Introduction. The CPP teaches and reinforces fundamental shooting skills. Program emphasis systematically shifts to combat application. The application of these skills is gradually refined to a



combat-ready level.

b. Training Tables. Marine Corps pistol marksmanship is taught in training tables.

(ON SLIDE #2)

1) Table One. During this table, Marines will develop a sound foundation of marksmanship knowledge and will practice skills under close supervision. This table serves as the annual qualification requirement and provides the basis for all follow-on training. Correct firing techniques must become automatic; therefore, it is important to develop and master weapons handling skills during this stage of training. Table One training includes the following marksmanship requirements as related to the M9 service pistol:

- a) Nomenclature and characteristics
- b) Preventive maintenance
- c) Weapons handling procedures
- d) Fundamentals of marksmanship
- e) Techniques of fire
- f) Standing position and grip
- g) Presentation of the pistol from the holster and Tactical Carry
- h) Search and assess procedures
- i) Reloading

Confirm by questions.

SUMMARY:

(1 MIN)

From weapons handling through engagement of combat targets, the key to the Marine's success will be his ability to consistently apply those marksmanship principles and techniques acquired through participation in the CPP. This lesson provided an



introduction to the Marine Corps Combat Pistol Program and an overview of the knowledge and skills that must be demonstrated to complete the training. The skills the Marine develops will enable him to become confident and accurate with the pistol. The Marine's success will rest in his continued development of pistol marksmanship.