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DETAILED INSTRUCTOR GUIDE

LESSON TITLE

PISTOL WEAPONS HANDLING EXERCISE

COURSE TITLE

DIVISION MATCH COURSE



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DETAILED OUTLINE

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1. TRAINING OBJECTIVE

a. Intent. This practical application will enable Marines to practice weapons handling skills to include carries and transports, weapons conditions, weapons commands, filling and emptying the magazine, and transferring the pistol from one Marine to another. Marines will not be evaluated on performance.

b. Learning Objectives. The Division Match instruction is structured to prepare the shooter to fire the Division Match Course and is not a component of a formal school program. Therefore, there are no learning objectives.

2. PRACTICAL APPLICATION FOR PERFORMING WEAPONS HANDLING

a. Focus. The following points will be emphasized in the practical application:

- 1) Carries and transports.
- 2) Weapons conditions.
- 3) Weapons commands.
- 4) Filling and emptying the magazine.
- 5) Transferring the pistol from one Marine to another.

b. Exercise Setup

- 1) Ensure there is an a dry fire practice area of sufficient size so Marines do not cover other Marines with their pistols during the exercise.
- 2) Ensure weapons are in Condition 4 and magazines are empty.
- 3) Provide each Marine with 3 dummy rounds.



c. Equipment. The following equipment is required for each Marine:

- 1) M9 service pistol.
- 2) M12 holster.
- 3) Cartridge belt.
- 4) Magazines.
- 5) Ammunition pocket.
- 6) Dummy ammunition.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: *Move Marines to a dry fire practice area. Ensure weapons are in Condition 4 and magazines are empty.*

d. Ensure Weapons and Magazines are Clear:

- 1) Remove the pistol from the holster and come to the Alert.
- 2) Ensure the weapon is on safe.
- 3) Remove the magazine from the pistol and place it under your cartridge belt.
- 4) Lock the slide to the rear.
- 5) Allow for a secondary inspection.
- 6) Let the slide go forward on an empty chamber and assume the Holster Transport.
- 7) Allow for a secondary inspection to be conducted on the magazines, then secure one magazine in the ammunition pocket and the other under the cartridge belt.



INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Use the BWI EDIP method to conduct this practical application. Explain and demonstrate each step of a procedure and have students imitate that step before moving on to the next step. Once all of the steps are taught using BWI, have students practice the entire procedure until they are performing it correctly. Each procedure that needs to be taught BWI is highlighted in **BOLD**. (Note: The lesson plans break out each procedure to be learned by steps in segments suitable for BWI instruction.) Emphasize the four safety rules throughout.

e. Filling a Magazine. Conduct a BWI for filling a magazine. Explain, demonstrate, and have Marines imitate the procedures; it is not necessary to provide additional practice.

f. Withdrawing the Weapon From the Holster. Conduct a BWI for withdrawing the weapon from the holster. Explain, demonstrate, and have Marines imitate the procedures; it is not necessary to provide additional practice.

g. Assuming the Alert. Conduct a BWI for assuming the Alert.

h. Load. Conduct a BWI for the Load procedure. Emphasize that the Load command is used to take the pistol from Condition 4 to Condition 3.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Have Marines load the magazine from the cartridge belt.

i. Make Ready. Conduct a BWI for the Make Ready procedure. Include both methods of checking the condition of the weapon: conducting a chamber check and checking the round indicator. Emphasize that the Make Ready command is used to take the pistol from Condition 3 to Condition 1.

j. Assuming the Ready. Conduct a BWI for assuming the Ready.

k. Fire. Conduct a BWI for firing the weapon. Explain, demonstrate, and have Marines imitate the procedures; it is not necessary to provide additional practice.

l. Cease Fire. Conduct a BWI for ceasing fire. Explain, demonstrate, and have Marines imitate the procedures; it is not necessary to provide additional practice.



m. Unload. Conduct a BWI for the Unload procedure. Emphasize that the Unload command is used to take the pistol from any condition to Condition 4.

n. Assuming the Holster Transport

1) Conduct a BWI for assuming the Holster Transport.

2) Practice Drill: Once Marines are assuming the Holster Transport correctly, have them practice the following drill:

- a) Holster.
- b) Load.
- c) Make Ready.
- d) Assume the Alert.
- e) Assume the Ready.
- f) Fire.
- g) Cease Fire.
- h) Unload.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Repeat this drill three more times to allow Marines to practice the procedures. Allow coaches time to fault check Marines.

o. Unload, Show Clear. Conduct a BWI for the Unload, Show Clear procedure.

p. Assuming the Administrative Transport. Conduct a BWI for assuming the Administrative Transport.

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: To teach the procedures for transferring the weapon from one Marine to another, have the line count off.

Odd numbers will follow the procedures for transferring and even numbers will follow the procedures for receiving the weapon. Instruct even-numbered Marines to holster their pistols.

q. Show Clear Transfer

1) Conduct a BWI for transferring a weapon from one Marine to another using the Show Clear Transfer.

2) Conduct a BWI for the Marine receiving the weapon.



Following the BWI, instruct Marines to:

- a) Holster.
- b) Load.
- c) Make ready.

r. Condition Unknown Transfer

- 1) Conduct a BWI for transferring a weapon from one Marine to another using the Condition Unknown Transfer.
- 2) Conduct a BWI for the Marine receiving the weapon. Following the BWI, instruct Marines to unload, show clear, and holster.

s. Emptying the Magazine. Conduct a BWI for emptying the magazine.

t. Complete the practical exercise:

- 1) Answer/ask questions.
- 2) Give the command "Unload, Show Clear."
- 3) "Once you have been cleared, Holster."
- 4) Collect all dummy ammunition.
- 5) "Break out all magazines."
- 6) Ensure all magazines are clear.

Confirm by practice.

3. AFTER EXERCISE PROCEDURES

Upon completion of the exercise, Marines will be critiqued on their performance. The following areas can be addressed when critiquing Marines:

- a. Carries and transports.
- b. Weapons conditions.
- c. Weapons commands.
- d. Filling and emptying the magazine.
- e. Transferring the pistol from one Marine to another.