

**LOS ALTOS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
LOW LIGHT/NO LIGHT FIREARMS TRAINING  
(4-hour Course Outline)  
CCN: 7130-21646-20**

**COURSE GOAL:**

The course will provide the trainee with the minimum topics of low light/no light firearms operation. The trainee will develop the necessary low light/no light firearms knowledge and skills to successfully operate during a low light/no light force encounter.

The course consists of hands-on/practical skills firearms training in a low light/no light environment for in-service officers.

\*\*This Course complies with the legislative content and mandates of AB 392, SB 230, PC835a\*\*

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**Minimum Topics/Exercises:**

1. Basic low light/no light firearms situations
2. Judgment and Decision-Making Exercise(s)
3. Class Exercises/Student Evaluation/Testing
4. Safety Guidelines/Orientation
5. Sight Alignment, Trigger Control, Accuracy
6. Flashlight types and flashlight holds
7. Target Recognition and Analysis
8. Weapons Clearing
9. Live Fire Tactical
10. Policy and/or Legal Issues
11. Use of Force Considerations (options)
12. Moral Obligations

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The trainee will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the Los Altos Police Department Use of Force and Firearms Policies and applicable laws.
2. Identify the need for low light/no light firearms training in the city of Los Altos (All patrol officers work during low light/ no light conditions during the year.)
3. Demonstrate a minimum standard of low light/no light firearms proficiency with every technique, exercise, and course of fire, to include:
  - a. Judgment and Decision Making
  - b. Weapons Safety
  - c. Basic Presentation Technique

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- d. Fundamentals of Shooting
- e. Flashlight usage (multiple techniques)/weapon mounted light usage
- f. Target/Non-Target Identification
- g. Speed, Accuracy and Effectiveness under stress and movement conditions

**Minimum standards of performance shall be tested by an instructor observing the trainee during their performance of each technique, exercise, and course of fire. If the trainee does not meet minimum standards, as established by the presenter, remediation will be provided until the standard is met.**

**EXPANDED COURSE OUTLINE**

- I. Introduction/Orientation
- II. Department Policy & Law Review
- III. Low-light principles
- IV. Low-light Tactics
- V. Use of Firearms and Tactical lights
- VI. Reloading
- VII. Low/no light patrol rifle
- VIII. Low/no light shooting with movement

**Testing: Any student failing to act/react, as established by the law and agency policy, will be remediated, and tested until standard is achieved.**