


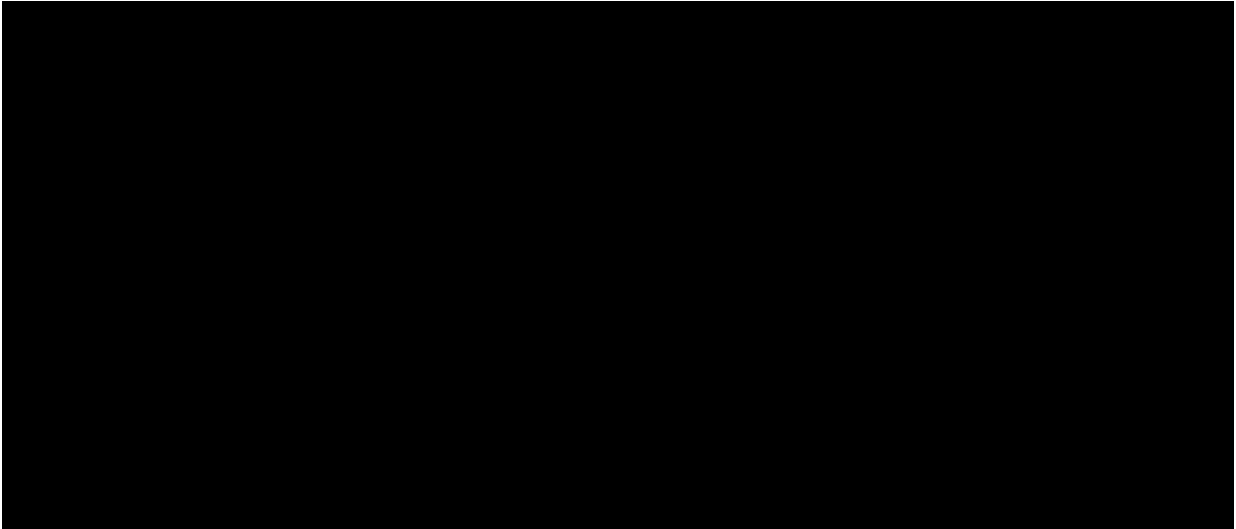
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MODIFIED TRAINING FIREARMS
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1. POLICY.



(1) Commands in need of modified training firearms shall requisition them from the Academy, Weapons Control Unit (WCU).

(2) The ratio of training firearms per assigned strength should be one training firearm per ten assigned officers, with a minimum of three assigned per command and one training shotgun per 25 assigned officers.

c. Semiautomatic Pistol. When physical methods of arrest (PMA) and officer safety/enforcement tactics training is conducted, the departmentally issued primary duty pistol may be used by employees role-playing as on-duty officers. However, extreme safety precautions shall be used to ensure no live ammunition in or out of a magazine is allowed near the training area. A uniformed supervisor or range officer shall inspect all firearms and training magazines used by all employees prior to the beginning of training. Blanks and simunition ammunition are not authorized for use with the primary duty weapon.

2. PURPOSE.

a. Purpose of the Modified Training Firearms. The purpose of departmental modified firearms is to provide the employee with realistic training in PMA, officer safety, and enforcement tactics.

b. Safe Handling. Modified training firearms should be considered dangerous. Injury could occur (and has) if not properly handled.

3. USE OF THE MODIFIED TRAINING REVOLVER.

a. Type of Firearms, Ammunition. The type of firearms approved for modification and furnished by the Department are the Colt, Dan Wesson, Ruger, and S&W.38 caliber or .357 magnum revolvers. These firearms will be modified by the Department to meet specific safety specifications. The only ammunition approved for use are the "safety blanks" available through the Business Services Section, Supply Services Unit. No other type of blank ammunition will be authorized for use in these firearms.

b. Use of Revolver. All modified training revolvers are to be used as training aids with certain safety precautions adhered to.

(1) Any training exercise involving the use of modified training revolvers shall be terminated by the instructor or the assistant if a safety infraction is noted, and all participants are to cease activity immediately. Once the hazard has been corrected, the exercise may resume.

(2) Although blank-firing firearms are designed to eliminate injury, they are equipped with three vent holes to alleviate the pressure of the burning flash powder and must be used with caution. (Refer to Annex B of this chapter for vent locations.)

(a) Modified training revolvers shall not be fired at a distance closer than 24 inches and shall never be pointed at the head. Safety glasses or sunglasses with shatter-resistant lenses shall be worn for additional safety.

(b) Modified training revolvers shall not be discharged next to another person's ear or face. Hearing protection is required while participating in training exercises.

(c) Modified training revolvers shall not be discharged inside a vehicle because of increased noise.

(d) The escape port of the modified training revolvers shall never be directed at a person's face.

(e) If the firearm is discharged, severe burning is possible. Under no circumstance is anyone to grab the barrel of a modified training revolver.

(f) Under no circumstance shall a modified training revolver be loaded with blank ammunition for gun take-away exercises.

(g) Modified training revolvers shall not be discharged across any portion of the body of a vehicle. If the firearm is discharged, severe burning or blistering of the vehicle's paint may occur.

(3) The instructor or the assistant shall ensure no live ammunition or unmodified firearms, other than the departmentally issued primary duty pistol, is in the possession of any participants within the exercise area. All live ammunition and other unmodified firearms shall be secured and locked in a container outside the training area.

(4) There shall be no excessive physical resistance of force by employees role-playing as officers or suspects. In most cases, the officer and suspect role players will be briefed separately, but the same material relative to safety shall be covered with both groups. Because of the realism of the exercise, as well as the pressure under which the employees are working, safety cannot be stressed too strongly.

(5) Signs shall be posted throughout the exercise area informing others of the training in progress.

4. MODIFIED TRAINING REVOLVER MAINTENANCE.

a. Maintenance and Repair. The modified training revolver shall be cleaned by the Area range officer on a quarterly basis because of the highly corrosive nature of the flash powder used in the blank ammunition.

b. Cleaning Procedure. To accomplish this, the 1/8-inch roll pin at the end of the barrel must be punched out so the Allen head barrel bolt plug can be removed. The barrel should be cleaned with a .40 caliber bore brush. The barrel and cylinder should then be swabbed out with a patch containing a departmentally approved cleaner/lubricant. Upon completion of the cleaning, the Allen head barrel bolt plug shall be reinstalled and secured with the 1/8-inch roll pin. (Refer to Annex A of this chapter.)

c. Repair and Replacement. Any modified training revolver needing repair shall be sent to the departmental Gunsmith at the Academy. Firearms declared uneconomical to repair by the departmental Gunsmith will be destroyed and a replacement firearm will be issued.

d. Commanders' Responsibility.

(1) Commanders shall establish security procedures for storage of firearms when not being used for training. Additionally, these firearms are not to be transferred or assigned to other commands without being forwarded to the Academy, WCU, for inspection and reissue.

(2) All modified training revolvers, when received at a command, will have the grips painted blue. Due to officer safety, it is important this paint be maintained. Commanders shall ensure periodic inspections are conducted, the firearms are repainted as needed, and are inventoried yearly.

(3) Commanders shall approve all PMA/officer safety training scenarios using modified training revolvers.

5. USE OF THE MODIFIED TRAINING SHOTGUN.

a. Ammunition. Only dummy shotgun rounds available through the Supply Services Catalog shall be used in modified shotguns.

b. Use of Shotgun. Modified training shotguns are to be used as training aids only.

(1) The instructor or the assistant shall ensure no live ammunition or unmodified shotguns are in the possession of any participant within the exercise area.

(2) Live ammunition and unmodified shotguns shall be secured in the locked trunk of vehicles or other secure lockers (all vehicle/locker key[s] shall be in the possession of the on-scene supervisor or training officer).

6. MODIFIED TRAINING SHOTGUN MAINTENANCE.

a. Cleaning Procedure. Modified training shotguns shall be cleaned on an annual basis.

b. Repair and Replacement. Any modified training shotgun needing repair shall be sent to the departmental Gunsmith at the Academy for repair or replacement.

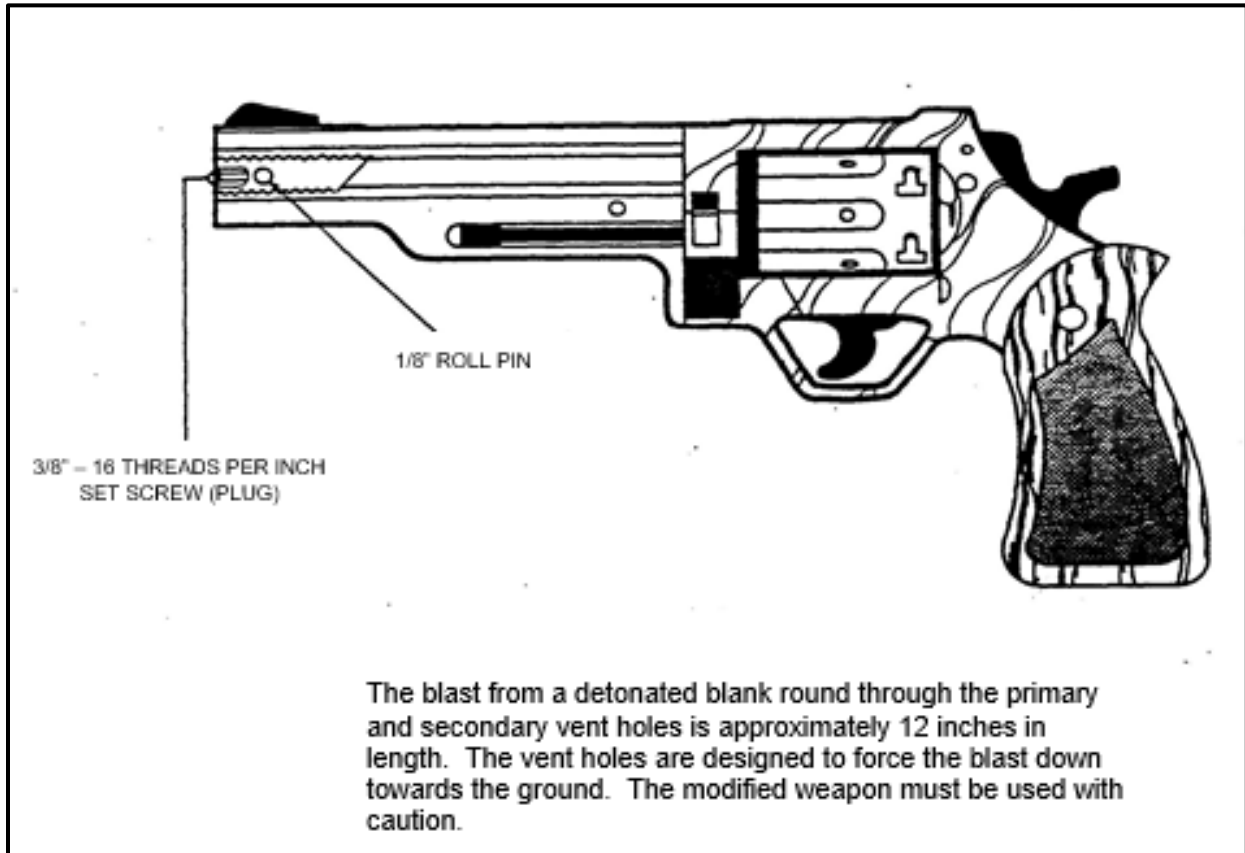
c. Commanders' Responsibility. All modified training shotguns shall be distinctively marked with a red painted buttstock and fore-end. All commanders shall ensure all modified training shotguns are not capable of discharging a live primer (i.e., complete removal of the firing pin by an Academy Gunsmith). All commanders shall ensure periodic inspections are conducted, the weapons are repainted as needed, and are inventoried yearly. Modified training shotguns shall

not be transferred between commands without written notification being forwarded to the Academy, WCU.

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ANNEX A

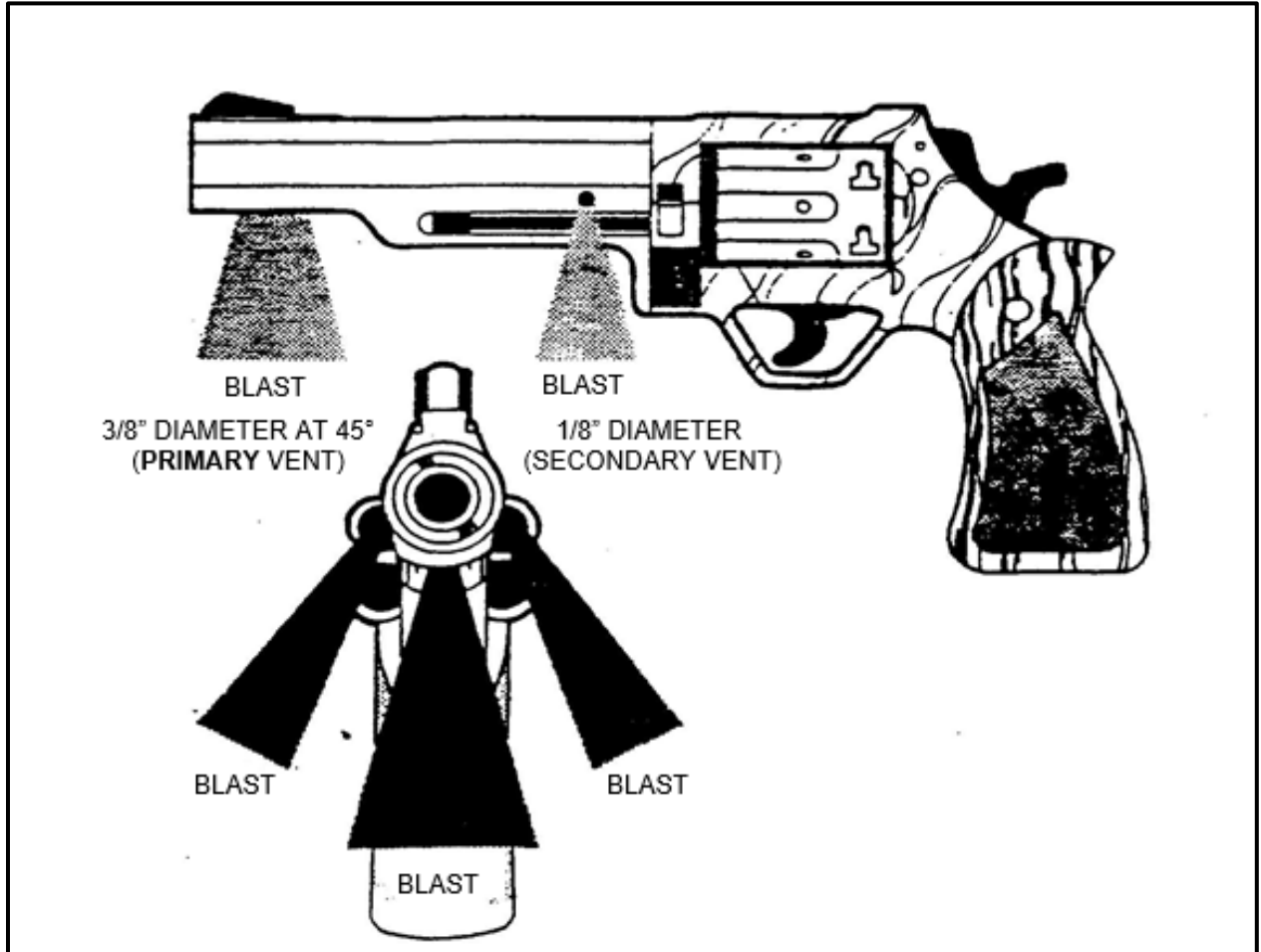
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ANNEX B

BLANK REVOLVER BLAST AREA



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