



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE**



Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act: H.R. - 218  
Connecticut State Police S.O.P.

The following items are part of the Standard Operating Procedures for Firearms Training Unit L.E.O.S.A. Qualification which are conducted at the Firearms Training Unit, 100 Nod Road, Simsbury, CT. This program is run in conjunction with the Special Licensing Firearms Unit (SLFU). SLFU manages the scheduling of individuals who request to partake in the annual qualifications. Once SLFU has deemed the individual requesting attendance is eligible, an available date is given to them. The qualification day is broken into two groups, an A.M. session, and a P.M. session. The A.M. session is allowed to qualify on two pistols, and the P.M. session is only allowed to qualify on one pistol. See SLFU's website for further information/details in regard to scheduling and number of weapons allowed to qualify on. Participants must understand this is a qualification course, not training. The following Range Rules pertain to those participating in the H.R. - 218 Qualification held at the Firearms Training Unit:

**Safety:**

Firearms Safety Rules/Medical Plan will be reviewed in the classroom prior to the commencement of the qualification course. One (1) safety violation warning will be given to the participant (based on the severity of the violation). The second safety violation will result in removal from the range. If a serious safety violation occurs, a ban may be placed on the participant from the CSP-FTU Range. Overall muzzle control must happen, and you cannot flag yourself or anyone else.

**Holsters:**

Outside the waistband (OTW) and inside the waistband (ITW) holsters are authorized. An inspection of holsters being utilized by the participant will be conducted by CSP Range Staff while in the classroom to ensure they are to standard.

Kydex (plastic) holster with friction retention are authorized as long as they are being utilized for the pistol they were designed for. Leather Holsters are authorized as long as the holster does not collapse on itself after the pistol has been drawn. This is directed toward holstering, where it may cause the participant to flag their waste or support hand as they are attempting to holster. This would be considered a safety violation. Waistband carry should be either appendix or 3/4 o'clock (right handed), 8/9 o'clock (left handed) positions on the strong side of the participant's body.

**Unauthorized Holsters / Carry Types:**

**Trigger finger safety deactivation holsters are NOT authorized.**

Blackhawk Serpa style holsters are NOT authorized (Trigger finger safety deactivation).

Shoulder style "Rigs" holsters are NOT authorized.

For waistband carry, small of the back / 6 o'clock position carry is NOT authorized.

Waistband carry or pocket carry WITHOUT a holster are NOT authorized.

Cross draw holsters are NOT authorized.

Ankle holster drawing is NOT authorized.

Shoulder drawing, cross drawing, small of back drawing have a high probability of flagging self or other participants on the firing line.

*How the participant chooses to carry their pistol outside of the facility is their choice.*

### **Ammunition:**

Ammunition utilized by participants for the qualification course should be of the proper caliber and NEW in box which shall be from a reputable manufacturer (Example: Federal, Winchester, Speer, and Hornady, to name a few). NO RELOADS.

Leave old ammunition home and use for other range training, not a qualification course. This prevents malfunctions on the firing line which causes safety violations and numerous delays in the qualification course.

No live ammunition is allowed in the classroom, firearm checks will be completed prior to entry into the classroom.

### **Range Attire:**

Please wear appropriate range attire and dress accordingly for the weather. This includes long pants that have loops to accept a belt (NO SHORTS). Belt must be rigid and designed to hold a holster/firearm, closed toe shoe/boots, t-shirt (minimum) and a hat. The hat aids in protecting eyes from sun, rain, and projectiles. Ballistic rated eye protection and hearing protection are required. The FTU will have both should the participant not have either. During the cold weather months/inclement weather; the participant should pay close attention during drawing and holstering. Particular attention should be given when holstering, to ensure no garment is caught inside of the trigger guard. Holstering with a piece of garment caught on trigger could potentially cause an accidental discharge. There is no time limits during the qualification course, therefore it is unnecessary to draw quickly or blind holstering. Blind holstering is holstering the pistol without looking at the holster.

### **Qualification Course:**

The qualification course is now a **Sixty (60)** round course of fire. The yardage lines utilized are the 3, 5, 7, 10, 12 and 20 yard line. There are no time limits for this qualification course. Therefore, the time is given to each shooter to apply the fundamentals of shooting for each shot. **Passing score for this course of fire is 48 out of a possible 60.** If the participant should fail the qualification course, they would need to return on a different date to qualify. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions to this rule.

If you are asked to leave the range for any reason, fix the deficiency and reschedule.