



# ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL POLICE ACADEMY

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## PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION COURSE

The *Patrol Rifle Instructor Recertification Program* is an eight-hour course designed to recertify the officer as a rifle instructor. The rifle instructor will have to pass the rifle instructor course of fire, pass a written test, skills exam, be able to give a standard safety brief, and present a block of instruction in conjunction with a course of fire. The prerequisite of the *Patrol Rifle Instructor Recertification Course* is a valid rifle instructor certificate.

### Equipment Required

- Duty Patrol Rifle with fixed or back up sights, (Non magnified Optic optional)
- EYE PROTECTION (Wrap Around Style)
- Minimum of Three Magazines for Rifle
- 50 Rounds of ammunition for Pistol
- 300 Rounds of ammunition for Rifle
- Suitable Range Clothing (BDU Style or similar) , Rain Gear, Boots, (Knee and/or Elbow pads optional)
- EAR PROTECTION: Note: Thick ear guards may interfere with proper body position. "Plug" style is allowed.
- Baseball Hat
- Duty Leather and Duty Sidearm with 3 Pistol Magazine
- Blanket or Shooting Mat (optional)
- Body Armor
- Pen/Pencil and Paper
- Shooting Sling and/or Carry Sling

**An accredited Patrol Rifle Instructor Certificate is a prerequisite**

May 9, 2025      September 3, 2025

8:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Beaumont/Antire Range

Commissioned Personnel

\$175 per seat for Non-Tuition Paying Department

To register [cmpareg@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:cmpareg@stlouiscountymo.gov)



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**To:** PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION APPLICANTS

**From:** PO JEFF PARNAS, PO JOSEPH CRAIG FIREARMS INSTRUCTORS  
St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy

**Subject:** STANDARDS FOR INSTRUCTOR RECERTIFICATION

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The standards for successfully passing the 8-hour Patrol Rifle Instructor Recertification are as follows:

1. Combination of written, oral presentation, and demonstrated skills exams totaling 100 points with a passing total score of no less than the CMPA standard of 70.
  - A. Written test with 11 questions totaling 40 pts. (Basic Patrol Rifle Instructor material covered in the 40-hour program)
  - B. Oral presentation of the 4 fundamental rules of firearms safety from memory (20 pts)
  - C. Skills exam with Patrol Rifle (using Rock River AR-15 and inert rounds) covering: Load/Reload, Phase 1 and Phase 2 malfunction remediation, Zero adjustment made from a target shot group on a zero target, Mechanical Offset, weapon transition technique (20 pts)
  - D. Conduct a course of fire from a given topic. \* Including Safety brief to class, Teaching/Demonstrating skill (as given to new shooter), Successfully design and run a live course of fire with clear and concise range commands (Total 20 pts)
2. A course of qualification
  - A. Participant will be required to qualify with their duty authorized patrol rifle. There will be no practice qualification. Two attempts will be given.

The minimum standard is:

- All participants will start from a standing low ready position with the rifle on safe.

The first phase of the rifle qualification (40 round course) will be fired using "FBI-Q" target and participants will be informed of standards for passing.

**100% which is 40 Scorable hits out of 40 Rounds attempted. Each string of fire will be scored upon completion and any miss will result in a refire of that string of fire (position) (Ex. 1 miss from 60 yards prone position will result in a necessary refire of 5 rounds from 60 yards prone.)**

Two attempts total at any given string of fire are allowed. A failure will result in the participant being dismissed from the course.

**Magazine preparation:** 2 rifle magazines with 20 rounds in each and 1 empty rifle magazine.

### **Phase 1 of rifle qualification course**

#### **60 Yards: 5 Rounds**

1. Standing low ready to prone position  
5 rounds 20 sec

#### **50 Yards: 10 Rounds**

1. Standing low ready to prone position  
5 rounds 20 sec
2. Standing low ready to seated position  
5 rounds 20 sec

#### **25 Yards: 15 Rounds**

Replace 4rnd magazine with empty magazine

1. Fire 1 round, **reload**, fire 4 rounds  
15 sec

**RELOAD with mag of 20**

1. Standing low ready to kneeling position 5 rounds 12 sec
2. Standing low ready to squat position  
5 rounds 12 sec

#### **15 Yards: 10 Rounds**

1. Standing low ready to standing fire position  
2 Rounds 2 sec

**\*Done 5 times for 10 rnds total\***

The second phase of the rifle qualification (35 round course) will be fired using “FBI-Q” target and participants will be informed of department standards for passing.

**100% which is 10 rounds fired from the rifle and 15 rounds fired from the duty pistol attempted into the scorable area of the target. The participant will also be assessed on their ability to complete the action steps of the task without guidance.**

**Magazine preparation:** 1 rifle magazine with 20 rounds and 2 pistol magazines loaded with 11 and 4 rounds. The second phase of the rifle qualification is a skill/task assessment by inducing a “phase 2” rifle malfunction upon firing 1 round from the rifle into the scoring target from 7 yards. The shooter transitions to the duty pistol and fires 3 additional rounds into the target.

Upon completion of the fired rounds the participant will assess the malfunction and work through the previously taught action steps to fix the stoppage and fire a follow up round into the target with the rifle. This process will be repeated 5 times and will incorporate a reload of the pistol during the task. There is no specified time limit, but the participant is expected to continue through the process without stopping.

If you have any questions, or if you need to cancel from the class, please contact the St Louis County and Municipal Police Academy by phone 314-889-8600 or email [mbalsley@stlouiscountymo.gov](mailto:mbalsley@stlouiscountymo.gov).

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