

2010 - ANNUAL REPORT

Firearms Training and Qualifications



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Addison Police Department

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RANGE SUMMARY 2010

The following is a summary of range/firearms activities for 2010:

TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION

- Annual duty weapons training and qualifications have been completed. The first part of the training session was dedicated towards completing the classroom portion which includes a review of Firearms Safety Rules/Inter-Limb Interactions, a weapons inventory, performance of user level safety checks, malfunction drills, a review of basic marksmanship principles, and a written exam. A total of 82 duty weapons qualifications were conducted during the annual qualification.
- Annual second weapons qualifications, off-duty weapons qualifications, and dart gun training was conducted. The number of qualifications that were completed are as follows: There were 37 On-Duty Second Weapons qualified, and 37 Off-Duty Weapons qualified. Dart gun training was limited to patrol personnel only.
- Additional monthly type shoots were completed, to include an outdoor pistol shoot which was held on 10-01-10, at the ISP District #5 Range, located in Lockport, Illinois.
- Rapid Response training was conducted during the month of October. There were five sessions of training, each lasting four hours, which included a classroom presentation and exam, followed by force on force scenario based training using Air-Soft munitions. These training sessions were held at local schools.
- Commander Ruggiero, Officer Porta, and Officer Anderson conducted the annual AR-15 rifle training and qualification at the ISP District #5 Range.
- A total of 3 outdoor range days had to be scheduled to complete the training for the 33 certified officers. Four of these officers qualified for the first time.

RANGE

- Contract maintenance was performed throughout the year by Caswell Detroit Armor.
- Lead removal and range cleaning was completed by Best Technology.
- The range remained fully operational during 2010.

WEAPONS and AMMUNITION

- The annual armorer's inspections for department pistols and the AR-15 rifles were completed in February, 2010.
- The armorer's inspection for the Less Lethal Shotguns was completed in May, 2010.
- The annual firearms inventory was completed.
- Current duty pistol ammunition is 165 grain Speer Gold Dot Hollow-Point. Current duty ammunition for patrol rifles are: 55 grain Federal Tactical and 55 grain Remington Pointed Soft Point.

GOALS FROM 2010

Continue to conduct force on force scenario based training.

Status: This goal was accomplished. During the month of April, officers participated in force on force scenario based training using the Air-Soft weapons systems. Various handout materials were discussed including "APD Use of Force Policy", Peace Officers Use of Force in Making an Arrest, 720 ILCS 5/7-5", "Graham vs. Connor", "Tennessee vs. Garner", "Use of force Issues/Options, (by Chief Jeff Chudwin), "Officer Survival and After Action Issues (by Chief Jeff Chudwin), "10 Critical Habits of Winning a Gunfight", "Use of Force to Prevent Escape". A copy of each handout was provided to all officers, along with our Department's Use of Force Policy. The training was conducted outdoors at the Villa Avenue Public Works facility.

Conduct another Inter-Departmental shoot.

Status: This goal was accomplished. The Midnight Shift won the competition, and will have their names inscribed on a plaque to be displayed in our Training Room.

Conduct another outdoor shoot.

Status: This goal was accomplished. The shoot was completed on October 01, 2010.

Continue to conduct Rapid Response training to include officers from area police departments.

Status: This goal was not accomplished. Although we had invited several departments to participate in our training, no outside agencies had manpower available on the dates of our training.

Send our firearms instructors to other relevant training programs to increase their skill level.

Status: This goal was accomplished. Detective Selvik attended the Police Firearms Instructor class at PTI between 08-02-10 through 08-06-10. He also went to PTI between 08-16-10 through 08-20-10 where he earned his Master Firearms Instructor rating. Officer Porta attended the Team Tactics for Patrol: Instructor Development hosted by the Northwestern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy between 08-09-10 and 08-10-10. Commander Ruggiero went to PTI on 11-19-10 to recertify as a Master Firearms Instructor.

Add at least one new Firearms Instructor.

Status: This goal was not accomplished. Due to a significant reduction in our training budget, funds were not available to send another officer to become a Firearms Instructor. This goal will be carried over to 2011.

GOALS FOR 2011

Continue to conduct force on force scenario based training.

Conduct another Inter-Departmental shoot.

Conduct another outdoor shoot.

Continue to conduct Rapid Response training to include officers from area police departments.

Send our firearms instructors to other relevant training programs to increase their skill level.

Add at least one new Firearms Instructor.

Have a Firearms Instructor become an Instructor in the use of Ballistic Shields, and begin to train department personnel.