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## LINE-UP TRAINING

### Common Shooting Errors

### Topic # 84

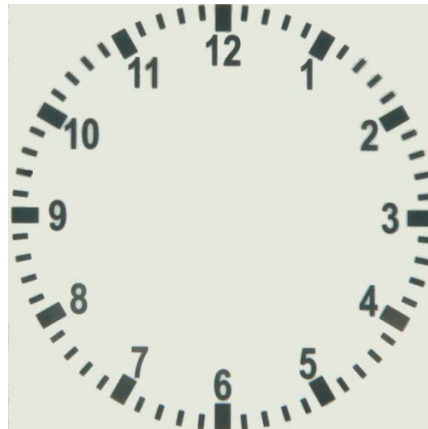
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#### I. PURPOSE

To familiarize staff with commonly observed shooting errors.

#### II. DISCUSSION



Using the above diagram of a clock, picture your shoot placements on a department target, to help understand why you are shooting in that area.

Placements from **0700-0800** is referred to as ***JERKING THE TRIGGER.***

- When the shooter jerks the trigger, it causes the front sight to dip low and to the left before the round leaves the barrel. Alignment and sight picture until the shot breaks.

Placements from **0800-0900** is referred to as ***IMPROPER TRIGGER FINGER PLACEMENT.***



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- The trigger is squeezed at an angle causing the muzzle to shift to the left before the shot breaks. The trigger should be pressed by the center of the outmost pad of the index finger.

Placements from *0900-1200* is referred to as ***RECOIL ANTICIPATION OR IMPROPER.***

- Either recoil anticipation where the shooter causes the pistol to recoil before it actually happens or the trigger is released by the shooter too soon causing the front sight to rise to the left.

Placements from *0100-0200* is referred to as ***RECOIL ANTICIPATION.***

- The shooter pushes the pistol grip with the heel of the hand in anticipation of the recoil causing the front sight to rise to the right.

Placements from *0200-0300* is referred to as ***THUMBING THE PISTOL.***

- Before the shot breaks the shooter presses on the pistol grip with his/her thumb causing the front sight to move to the right.

Placements from *0300-0500* is referred to as ***GRIP TIGHTENED.***

- The shooter tightens the grip slightly before the shot breaks causing the front sight to drop to the right.

Placements from *0500-0600* is referred to as ***RECOIL ANTICIPATION OR RELAXING THE WRIST.***

- The shooter anticipates the recoil and forces the pistol down before the recoil and forces the pistol down before the recoil actually happens or the shooter relaxes the wrist before the shot breaks.

Placements all over the target is referred to as ***AN INEXPERIENCED SHOOTER.***

- Inexperienced shooters sometimes lack the basic fundamentals of grip, stance, strength, or sight alignment. They sometimes concentrate on the target rather than the front sight. They can also be inconsistent between shots, changing grips, stance, etc. All of these things produce a target with scattered shots.

The above is based upon common shooting errors of a right handed shooter where the pistol is sighted correctly. Left handed shooters with the same errors will produce shot groups on the opposite site of the target.