

WOULD YOUR CURRENT SETUP HOLD UP?



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When was the last time your agency took an honest look at whether its firearms and training actually match today's operational reality? Not the qualifications course, but the cluttered apartment hallways, the traffic stops at 2 a.m., the foot pursuits through parking lots and the calls that escalate faster than anyone can control.

This 10-point check is built for that honest look. Each item is a "yes/no" question. If you can't answer "yes" with confidence, that's where the conversation with your training staff, armorers and command needs to start. Use it as a starting point for a capability audit that goes deeper than a spec sheet.

			ANSWER "YES" OR "NO"	
1		Do officers routinely practice drawing the pistol while seated in their vehicle? Officers should be able to draw, present and engage from the driver's seat and passenger seat, in all viable directions.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2		Can officers perform a reload on the move without looking at the gun? Reloads are a trained skill, but they're also an equipment issue. If the reload takes much more than two seconds in optimal conditions, there's a gear or training issue.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3		Does the pistol fit all shooters across the size and strength range on your roster? An officer who can't get a full firing grip on the pistol is at a disadvantage that no amount of training can fully close.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
4		Can officers consistently defeat the level of retention their holster offers under realistic conditions? Officers need to be able to defeat their holster's retention from the positions they're most likely to be in during a draw, not just standing on a flat range.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5		Can officers run the pistol one-handed — including malfunction clearances and reloads? Injury, weapon-hand-occupied scenarios, and ground fights are documented realities, not edge cases.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
6		Does the sighting system match the century the officers are working in? Pistol-mounted optics have moved from novelty to mainstream for documented reasons: threat focus, low-light performance and accountability.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
7		Are officers trained and equipped for clean tool-to-tool transitions? Transitions between pistol, rifle and CEW must be trained, not improvised. A fumbled transition is lost time at exactly the moment time matters most.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
8		Does your training program account for the speed of life — the actual cadence of a real gunfight? Real gunfights are fast. Training should push officers beyond their comfortable cadence and rebuild accuracy at a realistic pace.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
9		Are officers equipped beyond the pistol when the call type demands it? A patrol rifle in the vehicle and less-lethal options may be the right tool for the threat or situation.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
10		Does your duty ammunition perform the way you think it does? Duty rounds should be tested through issued barrels, barriers and against current published performance standards.	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>



WHAT'S YOUR SCORE?

count the number of "No" answers.

0-2 STRONG BASELINE

Keep up the good work. Continue to evaluate and train to stay ahead.

3-5 PRIORITY GAPS

You have capability gaps that need attention. Develop a plan and prioritize accordingly.

6-10 FULL AUDIT RECOMMENDED

Multiple gaps identified. A comprehensive firearms capability audit is strongly recommended.



NEXT STEPS: Review these answers with your firearms instructors, armorers, and the officers actually working the calls. Their answers will reveal your true capability.