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**STUDENT OUTLINE**

**INTRODUCTION TO PISTOL GEAR AND EQUIPMENT**

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1. **EYE PROTECTION.**

Is used to protect the eyes when worn properly, Covering both eyes with three points of contact (i.e. both ears and the bridge of the nose), and fitting appropriately. For example, issued Eye Safety System (ESS) eye protection or other protective eyewear, non-eccentric, that has been properly rated for ballistic capabilities. Eye protection lenses should not be excessively worn or scratched whereas it would impede the shooter’s vision.

2. **HEARING PROTECTION.**

Hearing Protection is designed to reduce decibel levels to a safe limit for human ear use. There are two types of acceptable hearing protection. The first is the over-ear design that fits over both ears entirely, in the ear-muff style design. The second is the inserted ear protection (i.e. foam ear plugs) which fits into the ear canal. To properly fit foam ear plugs the shooter needs to roll them while reaching over with the opposite hand and lifting on the top of the ear to allow the shooter to fully insert the foam ear plug into the ear canal. Once the foam expands it will fully seal the ear canal. There are many different variants of each of these two types, and they must be worn properly according to each manufacturer to achieve appropriate protection.

3. **MAGAZINE RETENTION DEVICE.**

The magazine retention device is designed specifically to hold the issued magazine for the service pistol. There must be at least one method of retaining the magazine, besides the use of gravity, to prevent the magazine from falling out when turned upside down. Examples of retention devices include the elastic strap around the pouch, and straps that go over the top of the magazine that can be undone before removing the magazine. This device or pouch should be secured on the shooter’s non-firing side, no further rearward than the hip.

4. **MAGAZINES.**

Magazines issued along with the pistol, are designed to be inserted into the magazine well of the pistol that holds and feeds rounds into the weapon system. Only military issued magazines specific to the service pistol should be used. Each shooter is required to have at the minimum 2 USMC authorized pistol magazines.

5. **HOLSTER W/RETENTION DEVICE.**

The holster is designed to hold the issued service pistol. There must be at least one method of retaining the pistol, besides the use of gravity, to prevent the pistol from falling out when turned upside down. For example, the SERPA holster includes a retention device that is engaged automatically upon fully holstering the pistol that can easily be disengaged upon the draw stroke by depressing a button on the holster with the trigger finger. If the shooter uses any other USMC authorized holster, they need to be used as designed ensuring any retention device that the holster has is being used. For example if the holster has a buckle strap, it needs to be buckled anytime the pistol is holstered.

6. **CARTRIDGE BELT.**

The cartridge belt when worn properly is designed specifically to be worn around the waist, and can be used to attach gear, such as magazine pouches, holsters, and drop pouches. Examples of belts include the issued cartridge belt (war belt), the belt that is included in the issued “load-bearing vest,” or similar military-style tactical belts, with or without palls webbing aka MOLLE weave.

7. **CLEANING GEAR.**

The kit, issued by the armory or personal, designed to clean and maintain pistols of the same caliber. Typically included in the kit are punch rods, brushes (both wire and plastic bristle), cleaning patches, bore snakes, cleaning rags, and CLP. Proper use of the cleaning gear facilitates proper functionality of the weapon and greatly reduces the chances of a stoppage.

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