



## Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council Annual Patrol Rifle Qualification Course

**Course synopsis:** This is the course of fire recognized by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council as the course to be successfully completed by each officer who carries a patrol rifle in the course of performing their duties as a law enforcement officer within the state of Vermont on an initial and annual basis. This course must be administered by a Patrol Rifle Instructor who is currently certified by and in good standing with the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council. The strings of fire within this course must be adhered to as a minimum standard, but shall not limit an agency from exceeding this standard at their discretion. Additionally, prior to any officer completing their initial law enforcement patrol rifle qualification, the officer must complete a course of instruction in the operation of the patrol rifle. The content and duration of said course is at the discretion of the patrol rifle instructor conducting the qualification.

**Equipment:** Patrol rifle that is regularly carried by the officer in the performance of their duties, or a weapon of the same make, model and caliber as the rifle carried by the officer while on duty, with 18 rounds of ammunition for that rifle. Officers must qualify with the same sighting system that is mounted on the weapon when carried on duty. Shooters may use any weapon mounted accessories (including bipods) which are normally attached to the weapon when the officer carries that weapon on duty. Shooters may not attach additional accessories simply for the purpose of aiding with qualification.

Two rifle magazines and a magazine pouch or other container that has a capacity of at least one magazine.

The duty leather that is regularly worn by the officer while on duty.

The handgun regularly carried by the officer while on duty with at least 2 rounds of ammunition for that handgun.

Shot timer/stopwatch.

**Target:** Any type of target may be used. The scoring area of that target will be the same area defined in the course of fire for annual handgun qualifications under Rule 13 as set forth by the Council. Reduced size targets are available on the academy's website for those agencies who do not have access to a 100-yard range. Each shooter will need two targets for qualification.

**Range:** Minimum 100 yards or a 35-yard range with approved reduced targets  
Items to use as cover

**Course overview:** For this course of fire, the entire course is scored and the shooter must successfully meet the time standard and the hit ratio standard for each string of fire to pass the course. It is at the instructor's discretion to decide whether a shooter will reshoot any unsuccessfully completed strings individually, or if the shooter must reshoot the entire course for any string failures. Instructors will have the shooter load 1 magazine with 10 rounds and one magazine with 8 rounds. The shooter will start the course with the 10 round magazine loaded into their rifle. The shooter must also have their handgun loaded with at least two rounds. In order to successfully complete the course, the shooter must complete the strings within the allotted time frame as well as obtain a passing score ratio. The targets should be placed at the same level and approximately 3 to 6 feet apart. It is within the instructor's discretion to determine what type of cover the shooter will use; however, there should be no simulations associated with the use of the cover and it should be utilized by the shooter "as is". For all strings, shooters should begin in the high or low ready position and not with the rifle mounted to their shoulder.

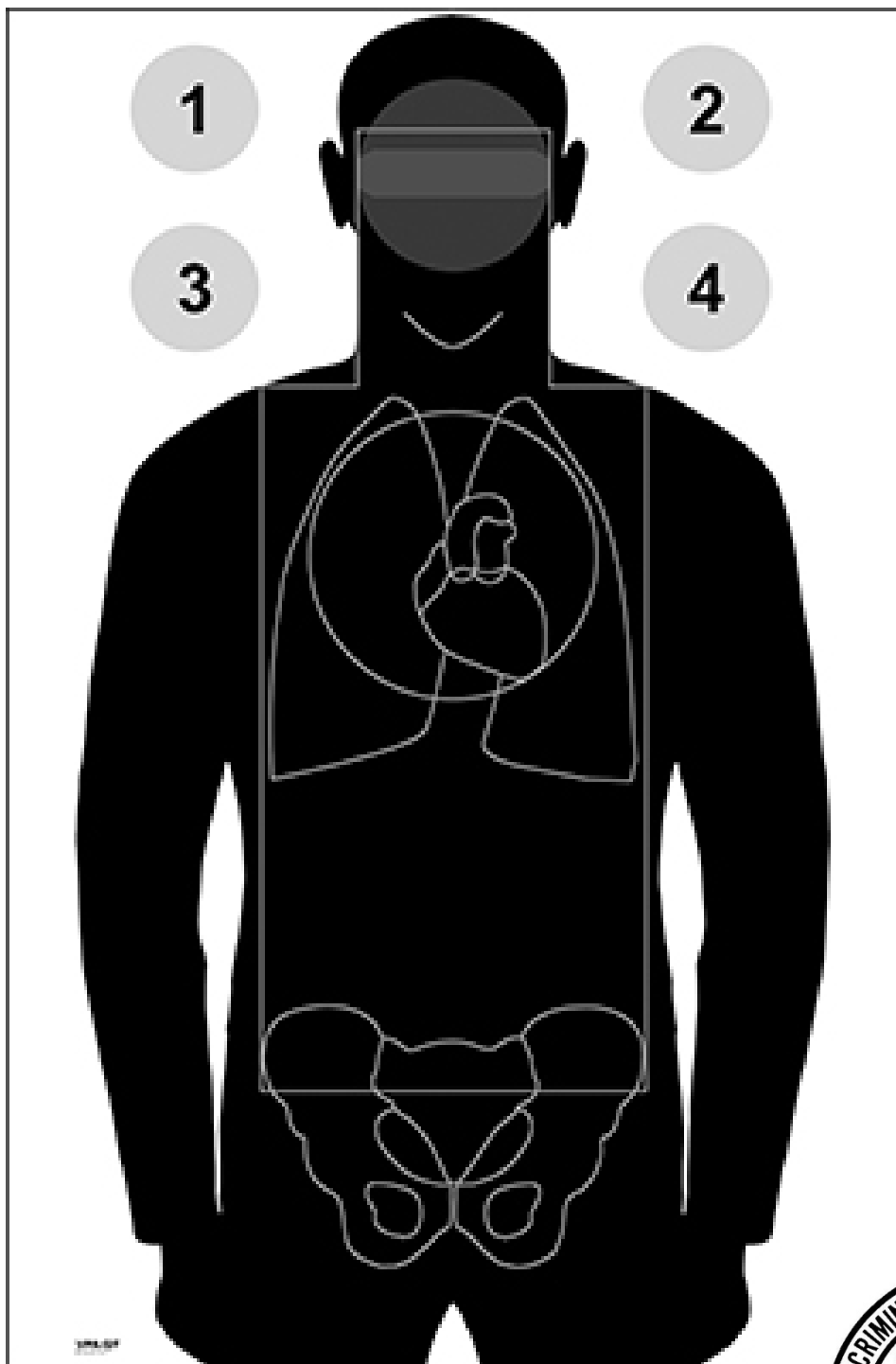
## COURSE OF FIRE:

Distance	Time limit	Shooting Position	Total rounds/ minimum hit ratio	Description of string
<b>100 Yards</b>	45 seconds	Prone	4  3/4	The shooter will start with a “cruiser ready” rifle. On the command to fire, the shooter will load the weapon and assume a prone position, then fire 2 rounds into the scoring area of one target and 2 rounds into the scoring area of the second target.
<b>50 yards</b>	30 seconds	Kneeling or seated behind cover	4  3/4	On the command to fire the shooter will take a kneeling or seated position and fire 2 rounds into the scoring area of each of the two targets.
<b>35 – 25 yards</b>	25 seconds	Behind cover	4  3/4	Shooters will begin at the 35-yard line from behind a cover item. Shooting position will be dependent upon the cover available. The shooter will fire 2 rounds and then reload. The shooter will advance to the 25-yard line where they will engage the second target with 2 more rounds.
<b>25 yard</b>	8 seconds	Standing	2  2/2	On the command to fire, the shooter will fire 1 round into each target
<b>15 yards</b>	8 seconds	Standing	1  1/1	Shooter will begin facing 90 degrees to the right. On the command to fire, the shooter will pivot towards the targets and engage 1 target with 1 round.
<b>15 yards</b>	8 seconds	Standing	1  1/1	Shooter will begin facing 90 degrees to the left. On the command to fire, the shooter will pivot towards the targets and engage 1 target with 1 round.

<b>15 yards</b>	8 seconds	Standing	1 1/1	Shooter will begin facing 180 degrees from the targets. On the command to fire, the shooter will pivot towards the targets and engage 1 target with 1 round.
<b>10 yards</b>	15 seconds	Standing	1 rifle/ 2 handgun 3/3	On the command to fire the shooter will fire 1 round into either target. The shooter's rifle should be empty. The shooter will then transition to their handgun and fire 2 rounds into the same target.

# 100 YARD REDUCED TARGET

(Target actual distance = 25 yards)



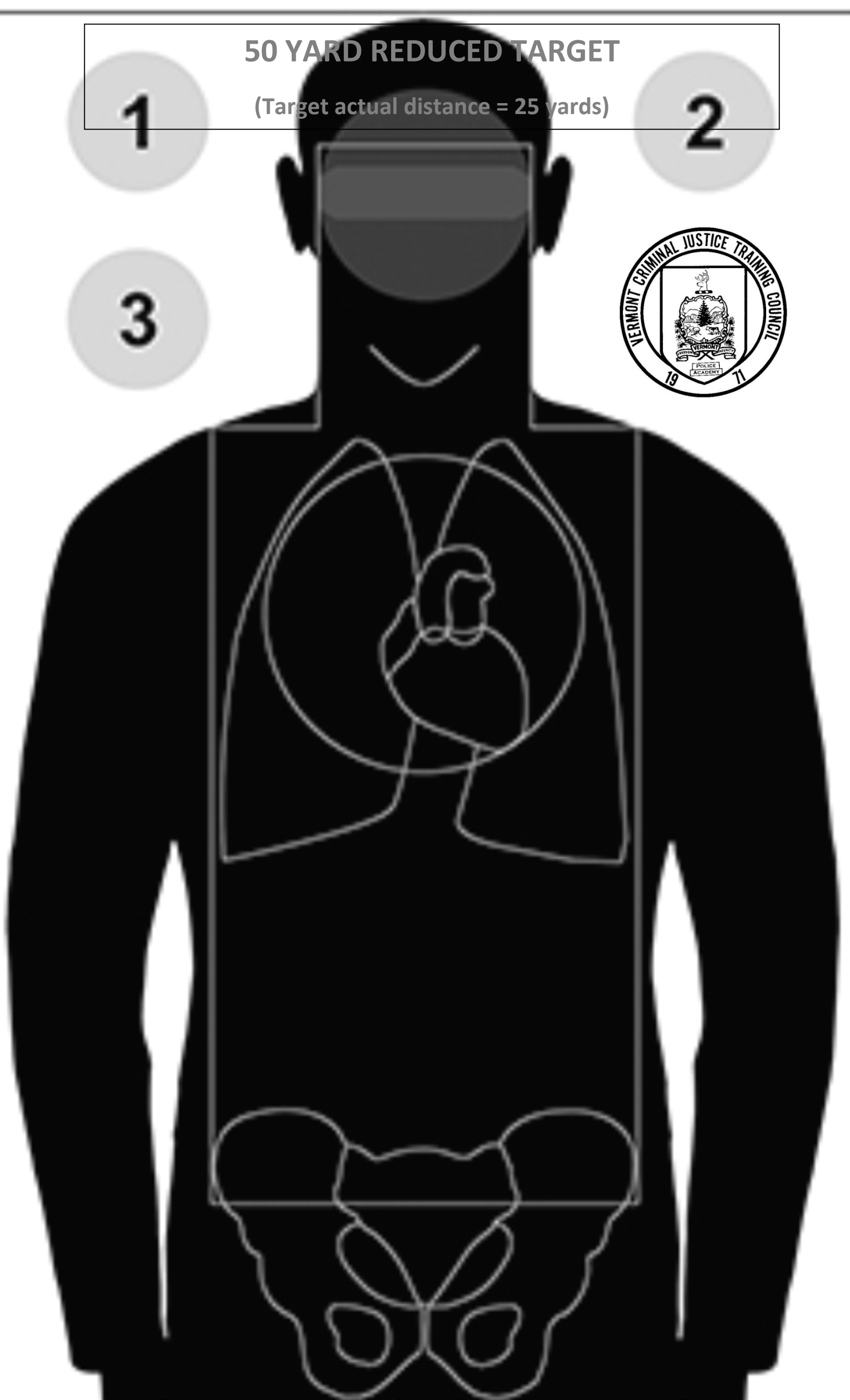
# 50 YARD REDUCED TARGET

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(Target actual distance = 25 yards)

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE 50 AND 100 YARD REDUCED TARGET**

The attached reduced size targets have been designed to replicate the size of the VCJTC qualification scoring area when placed at a distance of exactly 25 yards. When printing the targets, please ensure that the 50 yard target is printed on 8.5x14 (legal sized) paper so that the entire scoring area is represented. Printing the targets from your computer on a standard printer should yield the correct size targets. When printed, the size of the scoring area should be verified before using them, as follows:

### **100 yard reduced target**

Large body rectangle: 2 1/8 inches wide by 3 7/8 inches tall

Small head rectangle: 1 inch wide by 1 1/2 inches tall

### **50 yard reduced target**

Large body rectangle: 4 1/4 inches wide by 7 3/4 inches tall

Small head rectangle: 2 1/8 inches wide by 2 7/8 inches tall

### **Scoring line breaks:**

Any shot which breaks the scoring lines shall be counted as a "hit" as long as at least 50% or more of the hole created by the projectile is inside the scoring area.