

The Triple Nickel Course of Fire



Facilitator Guide

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1. DESCRIPTION:

The Triple-Nickel course is used to measure a shooter's proficiency level and ability to consistently **PERFORM ON DEMAND!** Through thorough application of fundamentals of marksmanship and weapon handling, this advanced firearm drill evaluates the capacity to

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save your own life, against multiple assailants, in a short amount of time. The shooter must consistently demonstrate proficiency by maintaining 100% accuracy in the 5 second time allotment; just like in real life...there is no award for losing. This course is shot with a minimum of:

- a. A cover garment and a holster one would utilize either on, or off duty.
- b. As a Uniformed Officer using the Agency approved duty belt with “double or triple retention” holster, and assigned pistol.
- c. 2 “Triple-Nickel” Coin bearers.

*A minimum of 3 successful attempts (not consecutive) must be accomplished in order to be awarded the coveted “Triple-Nickel” coin. The shooter must complete this task on the day, of the first successful attempt. *

2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS:

- a. Normal range safety rules apply.
- b. Shooters must be efficient in their movements, and cognizant of the barrel direction (laser rule).
- c. Shooters must utilize a standard safe holster, and magazine pouch. This holster must be worn as designed. All retention devices engaged.
- d. Prior to each attempt, the shooter will acknowledge that they understand the course of fire and will comply with all decisions made by the TWO (2)

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administering “Triple-Nickel” Coin bearers.

Special instructions:

Current “Triple-Nickel” Coin holders are responsible for maintaining strict consistency and established conduct of the course. A minimum of TWO (2) “Triple-Nickel” Coin bearers must be PRESENT and observe the attempts. (One coin bearer must be a credentialed FAM) This stringent standardization includes the following areas:

- a. Proper targets
- b. Proper target spacing
- c. Proper scoring (no liners!)
- d. 5 seconds, period!
- e. Bullet holes marked between attempts
- f. Course shot “Left to Right” on turning targets, either direction with Pact Timer.

Cheating

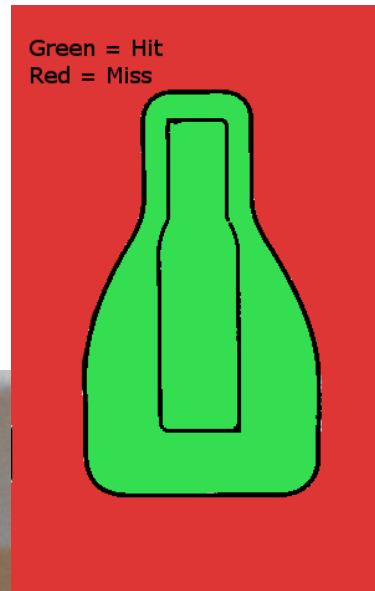
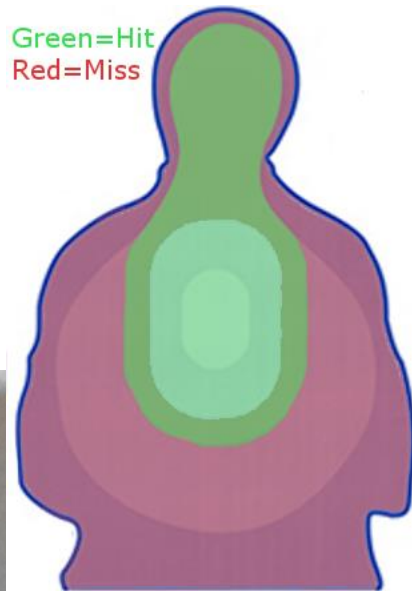
Shooters found to be cheating during the “Triple-Nickel” will be refused further attempts. This course not only measures skills but also ones’ integrity; completion of this course adds to the realm of professionals who choose to emulate proficiency with their firearm.

The TWO (2) “Triple-Nickel” Coin bearers administering the course will notify the “Triple-Nickel” overall “administrator” of the incursion whom will annotate the name on the master course list. This shooter is banned from participating for one year to apply inner-soul searching and an attempt to repair his/her integrity.

Scoring: Number of rounds on each target are 2, for a total of 10 rounds. The scoreable

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area is the 4/5 ring area (Tran Star-II) or the outer bottle for the QIT target. Unlike most courses of fire, the benefit **DOES NOT** go to the shooter; liners are considered misses regardless of which side they are located. When scoring this course, if there becomes any doubt on a shot placement, it shall be considered a miss. No questions asked.



SCORING (Hits only)

Hits must be in scoreable areas.

Anything touching the line is considered a **MISS**.

2 Hits must be in each target for a total of 10.

A reload must have been accomplished before the 5th target.

PACT TIMER run- 5 seconds period.

3. SHOOTER SPECIAL REQUIRMENTS:

1. Must be proficient.
2. Must be fast.

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3. Must be accurate.

Although any person wishing to become proficient in the proper lifesaving fundamentals may shoot this course of fire, in order to be awarded the “Triple-Nickel” challenge coin, the shooter must fall within certain categories. They are as follows:

- 1. Be a credentialed law enforcement officer, in good standing, of any local, state, federal or foreign government.**
- 2. Be active duty military or full time military reserve/national guard, in good standing, of the United States and its military allies.**
- 3. Credentialed Instructor, in good standing, that is employed full time by the above said agencies.**
- 4. Retired individuals, in good standing, of the above said agencies with a minimum of ten years employment by that agency.**

Once again, anyone may participate and shoot in this course of fire, however the individual **MUST** fall within the above criteria in order to be eligible to receive the challenge coin. It is at the discretion of the **TWO (2) Coin bearer's** to recognize any personnel, not falling within this criteria, who successfully complete this course in any way they deem suitable (ie. certificate of completion, honorary status). However, no coin or its likeness will be issued to these individuals. The “Triple Nickel” Administrator has the ultimate decision regarding an individual's status to participate and qualify for being awarded the challenge coin.

4. INSTRUCTOR SPECIAL REQUIRMENTS:

Must have successfully completed the “Triple-Nickel” a minimum of **3** times, and be a current upstanding coin bearer. Must be able to:

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1. Properly administer course of fire.
2. Maintain integrity of the course.
3. Have an ample supply of ammunition.
4. Not be bought.
5. Have psychologist on-hand due to the addictive nature of the course.

5. REQUIRED STAFF FOR OFFICAL SCORING:

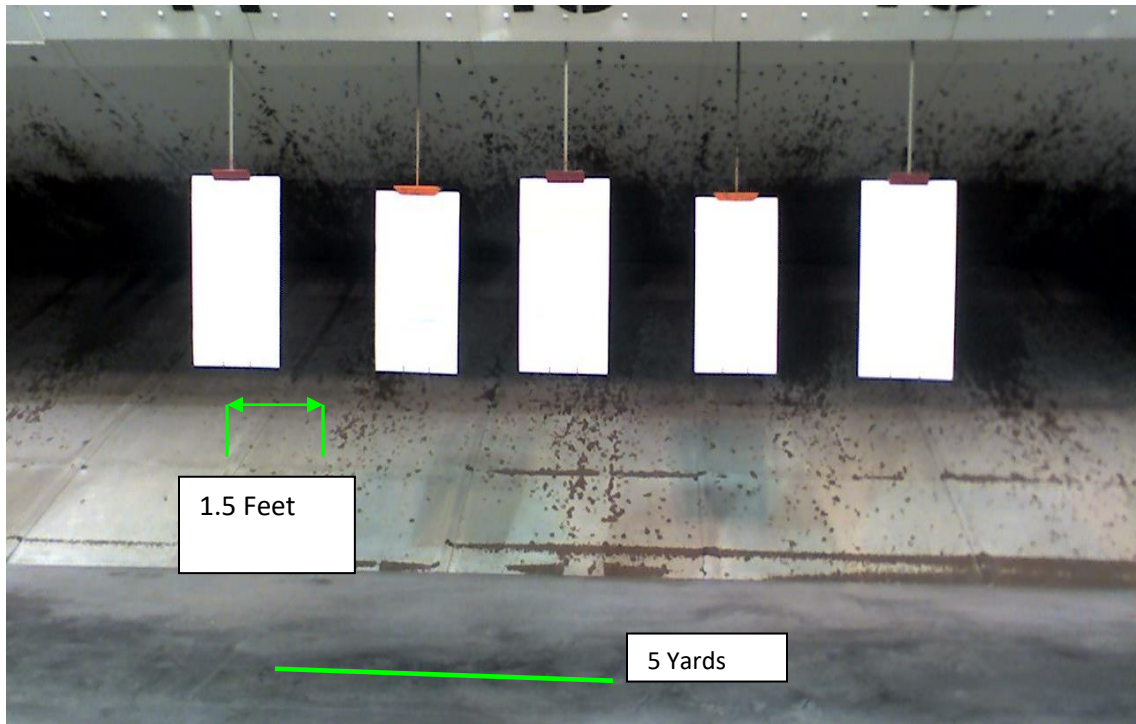
There must be **TWO (2)** "Triple-Nickel" Coin bearers per venue. One of which must be a credentialed FAM employee.

6. TRAINING AIDS/EQUIPMENT:

Range, 5 Tran-Star II or 5 QIT targets, 10 rounds of ammunition, PACT TIMER or computerized target system. Box of Tissues.

7. TRAINING VENUE DESCRIPTION/PREPARATION:

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8. METHODOLOGY:

The "Triple-Nickel"

The shooters will stand at the 5 yard line facing the adversarial targets, with a cover garment as to not alert threats of the intentions of the shooter. At the tone or when targets face the shooter will draw and engage the first target with 2 rounds, then transition to each target engaging with 2 rounds. Shooter **MUST** conduct a reload **AFTER** the 1st target, and any time **BEFORE** the 5th target.

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The TWO (2) “Triple-Nickel” Coin bearers administering the course will be the ultimate decision on proper scoring.

9. POINT OF CONTACT:

The “Triple-Nickel” administrator:

This course of fire has been designed and is administered by a specific firearms training unit within a law enforcement agency and must be preserved by that unit. However, any person may shoot this course of fire and a coin will be awarded to those that fall within the eligible criteria and have followed all rules. Regardless of the shooter, conditions for all shooters are the same: A minimum of 3 successful attempts (not consecutive) must be accomplished on the day, of the first successful attempt, in order to be awarded the coveted “Triple-Nickel” coin.

All 3 attempts must be observed by two upstanding coin holders (one of which must be a FAM) in order to be awarded the honorable Coin. A stock service type pistol (SSP) must be used. There will be no enhancements allowed of the firearm and the caliber used must fall within a duty carry type cartridge, such as 9mm, 40 caliber, 357 SIG, or .45 caliber. All issues’ concerning this course of fire or the issuance of “Triple-Nickel” coins is at the discretion of the course designers and those tracking successful shooters, as informed from other FAM coin bearers. This is member-funded, award producing, course of fire designed to instill “esprit de corps” among fellow military and law enforcement personnel and for those that

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desiring to master these lifesaving fundamentals. At no time is this to be considered an authorized or official course of fire for any agency. It is designed to allow those choosing to “rise above” and maintain a higher level of competence to PERFORM ON DEMAND!

The “Triple-Nickel” Administrator will be the ultimate decision on all cases.

The current Triple Nickel administrator is coin holder #7, “Great Bison”.