

Training on a budget using multi-purpose training targets



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Firearms instructors face the constant challenge of presenting realistic training courses that offer students realism in training, while accomplishing performance objectives and meeting qualification standards.

These tasks become even more challenging when it comes time to select training targets that will meet the criteria to accomplish the training objectives for each course.

With the vast amount of targets that are available for training, it can be confusing to find the right ones that will meet all of your training needs and it can also be costly for tight training budgets to stock multiple targets.

My solution to these issues was to work with Law Enforcement Targets, Inc. to create a realistic, multi-purpose training target that could be used for handgun and rifle training as well as decisional based drills, low-light and scenario-based training.

In January of 2014, LET (www.letargets.com) released the new TQ-QT1 Spartan Target as a cost-efficient target option for agencies and instructors with limited training budgets.

The TQ-QT1 target offers unique target features for handgun and rifle training. Designed to meet Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board (ILETSB) requirements, it includes a replaceable 8½-by-14-inch center mass box with scoring rings for state certification and qualification standards.

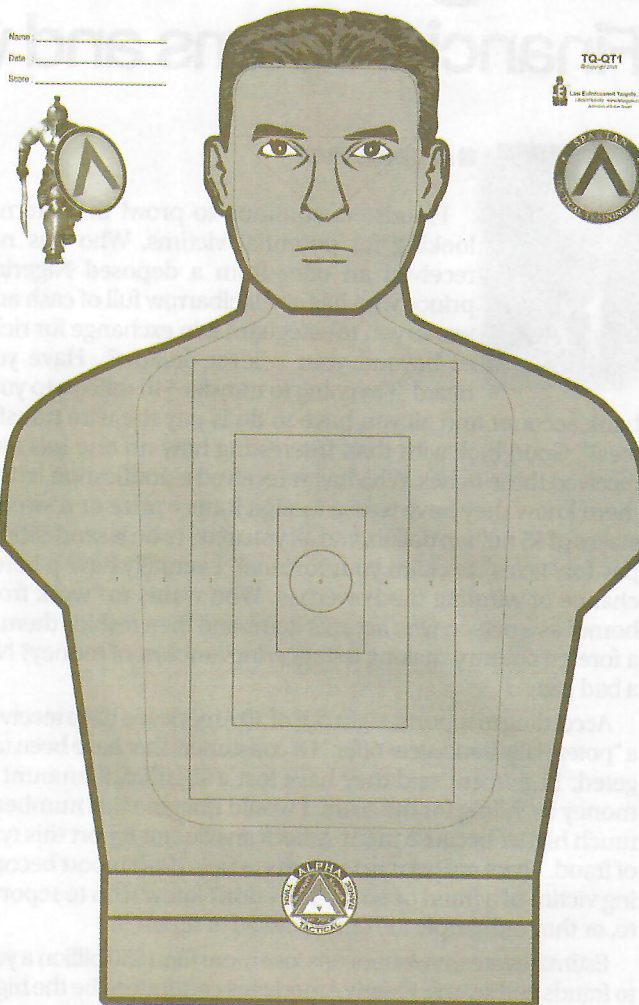
Other target features include:

- Humanoid body and head for training realism.
- Subdued target lines on the body and head that disappear beyond 25 feet.
- A 2-inch circle in the center of target that can be used for rifle zeroing, zero confirmation and mechanical offset verification.
- A center mass area set up to accept 8½-by-14-inch replacement centers that can be spray-glued in place for quick target repair and enhance overall target longevity.
- Subdued ocular vault area on target head with distinct hairline for fast hold-off shots with the rifle.
- Distinct belt line that offers a pelvic girdle target area.
- Armless torso that allows for use of Law Enforcement Targets hand overlays for decisional based training and target discrimination drills.
- Distinct torso color and bold target outline that provides a humanoid silhouette signature when used in low-light training and distant rifle engagements.

If you're looking for a target that will help you maximize your training capabilities while minimizing training budget expenditures, give the TQ-QT1 Spartan Target a try.

For more information about the TQ-QT1, hand overlays and other targets offered by Law Enforcement Targets, Inc., visit their website @ www.letargets.com.

As always, stay safe, remain vigilant and fight to win.



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