

## **Chapter 6**

### **SOSCOM**

#### **Section I**

##### **Training Programs**

###### **6-1. General**

This chapter provides weapon standards, training strategies and resource requirements for the Special Operations Support Command (SOSCOM). The training programs provided are specifically designed for each weapon system with SOSCOM units. Each program contains a standard and strategy that outlines the training requirements and includes suggested frequencies of live fire, subcaliber, and use of devices. All SOSCOM personnel will be considered as CAT II.

###### **6-2. Objective**

The objective is to assist SOSCOM commanders in conducting the training necessary to ensure proficiency of all weapon systems. These training programs are recommended as a method to attain and sustain weapon proficiency throughout the training year.

###### **6-3. Training programs**

Training standards are stated at the beginning of each program. The individual training strategy is given next, followed by the squad, crew and/or platoon training strategy. Proficiency is achieved through the use of dry-fire exercises, blank fire exercises, subcaliber exercises, use of devices, and full caliber live-fire exercises. Ammunition requirements are discussed at the conclusion of each training program. The programs are developed on the assumption that training events will be evenly spaced throughout the training year. Resource availability (such as ranges) may allow a commander more live-fire opportunities of shorter duration. In this case, not all squads, crews, and platoons in the battalion will train at each opportunity.

###### **6-4. Training strategies**

The training strategies in this section are based on exercises in current field manuals(FM) and ARTEPs. The specifics of each exercise are not presented here; consult the appropriate manual.

#### **Section II**

##### **Assigned Weapon Training Strategies**

###### **6-5. Pistol, 9-mm**

*a. Standard.* All soldiers assigned a 9-mm pistol will qualify annually. Qualification consists of firing the combat pistol qualification course in accordance with FM 23-35 and firing for record in mission oriented protective posture (MOPP) 4.

*b. Training Strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-2.

###### **6-6. M16A2**

*a. Standard.* All soldiers assigned an M16A2 will qualify annually. Qualification consists of firing qualification to standard in accordance with FM 23-9.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-3.

#### **6-7. M203 Grenade Launcher**

*a. Standards.* All soldiers assigned an M203 will qualify annually. Qualification consists of firing table 8-2, FM 23-31.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-4.

#### **6-8. M249 squad automatic weapon**

*a. Standard.* All soldiers assigned a M249 squad automatic weapon (SAW) will qualify annually. Qualification consists of firing the 10-meter record course and the 10-meter transition course in accordance with FM 23-14.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-5.

#### **6-9. M2 HB machine gun**

*a. Standard.* All M2 machine gunners and AGs will qualify annually. Qualification consists of firing transition record course (FM 23-65).

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-6.

#### **6-10. MK-19 grenade machine gun**

*a. Standard.* All SOSCOM MK-19 gunners and assistant gunners will qualify annually. Qualification consists of firing the range card course in accordance with FM 23-27 (table C-5) and firing at night.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-7.

#### **6-11. AT-4**

*a. Standard.* Ten percent of assigned soldiers (SGT and below) will have met the individual requirements to standard by successfully engaging six of eight targets with the 9-mm tracer trainer (FM 23-25, App B, table III) within the past 12 months.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-8.

#### **6-12. M18A1/A2 Claymore mine**

*a. Standard.* All soldiers must emplace, arm, and disarm one inert Claymore Mine (FM 23-23) every six months, and collectively observe as a platoon/section the emplacement, arming, and detonation of one live claymore mine within the past 12 months.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-9.

**6-13. Hand grenade**

*a. Standard.* All soldiers will throw one live, fragmentation hand grenade annually and either negotiate a grenade practice exercise annually in accordance with FM 23-30 or practice throwing a grenade in conjunction with squad or platoon live-fire exercise (LFX) or field training exercise (FTX) annually.

*b. Training strategy.* Recommended training strategies and ammunition requirements are provided in table 6-10.

**6-14. Pyrotechnics**

Use table 6-11 for annual pyrotechnic requirements.

**Table 6-1  
SOSCOM Training Requirements**

Task	Remarks
Instructional	Required to familiarize soldiers on the capabilities of weapons and ammunition.
Zero	Required prior to annual qualification .
Record Qual./Night Fire/NBC Fire	Qualification includes those activities required for qualification set forth in the FM appropriate to the weapon system.
Section/Platoon LFX	Every section/platoon is required to conduct a live fire defense and/or convoy counter ambush LFX annually.
Initial Deployment Package (IDP)	IDP assumption occurs four times a year. Two companies and one third of the Headquarters assumes IDP 2 times each.

**Table 6-2  
Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the 9-mm Pistol**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required
DODIC		A363
Instructional	1	40
Record Qualification	1	40
IDP Preparation	0.5	14
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>87</b>

**Table 6-3**  
**Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the M16A2**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required		
		Ball	Tracer	Blank
DODIC		A059	A063	A080
Instructional	1	40		
Zero	1	18		
Record Qualification	1	40		
NBC Practice/Field Fire	1	20		
NBC Record Fire	1	20		
Night Practice Fire	1	20	10	
Night Record Fire	1	20	10	
Squad/Platoon FTX	1			120
Squad/Platoon LFX	1	80	20	
Battalion FTX	1			80
EXEVAL	1			80
Major Exercise	1			80
IDP Preparation	0.5	40		
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>360</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> This includes M16A2 with M203.

**Table 6-4**  
**Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the M203 Grenade Launcher**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required	
		HE	T
DODIC		B546	B519
Zero	1		11
Record Qualification	1		12
Night Practice Fire	1	3	
Squad/Platoon LFX	1		4
IDP Preparation	0.5		12
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>39</b>

**Table 6-5****Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the M249 SAW**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required		
		Ball	Mix	Blank
DODIC		A062	A064	A075
10-m Zero/Practice <sup>1</sup>	1	117		
10-m Qual <sup>1</sup>	1	119		
Practice Transition <sup>1</sup>	1		182	
Trans Qualification <sup>1</sup>	1		154	
Night/Zero/Record Fire <sup>2</sup>	1		196	
Squad/Platoon FTX	1			800
Squad/Platoon LFX	1		800	
IDP Preparation	0.5		40	
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>236</b>	<b>1372</b>	<b>800</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Practice and Qualify in accordance with FM 23-14.<sup>2</sup>Night zero and record fire in accordance with FM 23-14.**Table 6-6****Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the M2 HB MG**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required		
		Ball	Mix	Blank
DODIC		A555	A557	A598
Transition Zero/Practice <sup>1</sup>	1		182	
Transition Record <sup>1</sup>	1		154	
NBC Zero/Record	2		364	
Squad/Platoon FTX	1			200
Squad/Platoon LFX <sup>2</sup>	1	154	154	200
IDP Preparation	0.5	154		
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>308</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>400</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Night zero and record fire in accordance with FM 23-14.<sup>2</sup>Live-fire exercises will consist of a day blank rehearsal, a day live fire, a night blank fire rehearsal, an a night live fire, all of which must be executed to standard.

**Table 6-7****Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the MK 19 GMG**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required	
		TP	HE
DODIC		B584	B571
Instructional			
Primary Marksmanship Training	4		
Gunnery Skills Test	4		
Table 1 (Instructional Fire Ex)	1	26 <sup>1</sup>	
Table 2 (Dismount Range Card Ex)	1	42 <sup>1</sup>	
Table 3 (Mounted Combat Ex)	1	26 <sup>1</sup>	
Table 4 (Night Fire Ex)	1	22 <sup>1</sup>	
Table 5 (Dismount Range Card Qual)	1	42 <sup>1</sup>	
Table 6 (Mounted Combat Qual)	1	26 <sup>1</sup>	
Table 7 (Night Fire Qual)	1	22 <sup>1</sup>	
Moving Target Instructional	1	32	
Assistant Gunner Qual (All tables)	1	206	
Crew Instructional (2 soldiers)	1		96
Squad/Platoon LFX	1	60	
IDP Preparation	0.5	5	
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>551</b>	<b>96</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Instruction and Record Fire in accordance with FM 23-27 (Tables 1-7)<sup>2</sup>Assistant gunner qualifies with same tables as the gunner.<sup>3</sup>HE fired on LFXs (2 cans of 48 rds per gun)<sup>4</sup>Bilat HE deleted.**Table 6-8****Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the AT-4**

Event	Freq <sup>1</sup>	Rounds Required	
		9mm	ATWESS
DODIC		A358	L367
Instructional	1	8	
Record/Qualification	1	8	
Squad/Platoon FTX	1		2
Squad/Platoon LFX	1	2	
IDP Preparation	1	8	
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.2</b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Based on 10% of the battalion qualifying annually

**Table 6-9**  
**Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for the M18A1/A2 Claymore Mine**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required	
		Inert	M18A1
DODIC		K139	K143
Instructional	1	X	
Squad/Platoon FTX	1	X	
Section/Platoon Instructional	1		1 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>Sqd Bn</b>	<b>1 12<sup>2</sup></b>

Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Mines per section/PLT (x 12 sec/plt)

<sup>2</sup>Rounds required per battalion

**Table 6-10**  
**Annual Ammunition Requirement and Training Strategy for Hand Grenades**

Event	Freq	Rounds Required	
		Inert	Fuze
DODIC		G811	G878
Grenade Throw	1	1	3
Record/Qualification	1		4
Squad/Platoon LFX	1		5
<b>Total Rounds Required</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>

**Table 6-11**  
**Pyrotechnics Requirements**

DODIC	NOMENCLATURE	Freq	1	BN TOTAL
			SQD/ PLT FTX	
G982 G982	GREN SMK HC		4	48
G940	GREN SMK GRN		2	24
G945	GREN SMK YEL		2	24
G950	GREN SMK RED		5	60
G955	GREN SMK VIOL		2	24
G963	GREN SMK CS		2	24
K768	RIOT CON AGENT			2
K867	SMK POT FIT		1	12
L305	SIG ILL GRN PARA		2	24
L306	SIG ILL RED PARA		5	60
L307	SIG ILL WHT PARA		2	24
L311	SIG ILL RED STAR		5	60
L312	SIG ILL WHT STAR		5	60
L314	SIG ILL GRN STAR		2	24
L594	SIM PROJ GND BURST		20	24
L495	FLR SURF TRIP		5	60
L596	SIM ARTY FLSH		5	60
L598	SIM BOOBY TRAP FLSH		5	60
L601	SIM HAND GRN		20	24