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1. Which Florida statute primarily governs the licensing of armed (Class G) security officers?

- A. Florida Statute Chapter 790
- B. Florida Statute Chapter 493
- C. Florida Statute Chapter 776
- D. Florida Statute Chapter 784

2. Which of the four fundamental rules of firearm safety states that you should ALWAYS keep the firearm pointed?

- A. At the ground when holstered
- B. In a safe direction, never at anything you do not intend to shoot
- C. Toward the sky when unholstering
- D. Away from your body at arm's length

3. Florida Statute Chapter 790 primarily governs:

- A. Weapons and firearms laws in Florida
- B. Private security officer licensing
- C. Use of deadly force by civilians
- D. Florida criminal penalties for assault

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4. Under Florida Statute §776.012, a person is justified in using deadly force when they:

- A. Fear any level of physical contact
- B. Reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to themselves or another
- C. Believe a crime is about to occur
- D. Are verbally threatened



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5. A security officer should draw their firearm ONLY when:

- A. A subject is verbally aggressive
- B. There is an objectively reasonable belief that deadly force may be imminently necessary
- C. A subject runs away from the officer
- D. The officer wants to demonstrate authority

6. Firearm retention refers to:

- A. The officer's ability to shoot accurately
- B. Techniques and equipment used to prevent an adversary from taking the officer's firearm
- C. The legal right to keep a firearm after duty
- D. The magazine capacity of the duty weapon

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7. The three fundamentals of accurate pistol shooting are:

- A. Speed, power, and accuracy
- B. Sight alignment, sight picture, and trigger control
- C. Stance, grip, and reload speed
- D. Loading, aiming, and follow-through

8. A security officer who uses excessive force against a subject may face:

- A. No consequences if the subject was trespassing
- B. Criminal charges, civil lawsuits, and loss of their Class G license
- C. Only a written reprimand from their employer
- D. Only civil liability, never criminal liability

9. Any weapon that expels a projectile by the action of an explosive is a _____.

- A. Knife
- B. Slungshot
- C. Firearm
- D. Destructive Device

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10. Before obtaining a Class G (statewide firearm) license in Florida, an applicant must first hold a valid:

- A. Class D security officer license
- B. Class B investigator license
- C. Class C agency license
- D. Class E reposessor license

11. When should a security officer keep their finger on the trigger of their firearm?

- A. Only when ready to fire
- B. Whenever the firearm is drawn
- C. Whenever a threat is perceived
- D. Whenever the safety is engaged

12. Under Florida law, who is prohibited from possessing a firearm?

- A. Persons under 21 years of age
- B. Persons who have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence or a felony
- C. Non-U.S. citizens only
- D. Persons with any prior arrest, even without conviction

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13. Florida's 'Stand Your Ground' law (§776.013) eliminated the general duty to:

- A. Call law enforcement before using force
- B. Retreat before using force in a place you have a right to be
- C. Use verbal warnings before any force
- D. Report a use of force incident

14. The use-of-force continuum generally progresses from:

- A. Deadly force to de-escalation
- B. Officer presence through verbal commands, non-deadly force, and deadly force as a last resort
- C. Firearm draw to verbal warning
- D. Physical restraint to verbal command

15. The most common time a firearm is taken from an officer is:

- A. During a vehicle stop
- B. During a physical struggle at close range
- C. During a foot pursuit
- D. During report writing



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16. The Florida Class G qualification requires the officer to demonstrate proficiency at distances typically ranging from:

- A. 1 to 3 yards only
- B. 3 to 7 yards only
- C. 3 to 15 yards (with most standards at 7 yards)
- D. 25 to 50 yards

17. A security officer has the authority to arrest someone under Florida law as a:

- A. Peace officer with full police powers
- B. Citizen, using Florida's citizen's arrest provisions
- C. Federal agent
- D. Court-appointed official

18. What chapter in the Florida Statutes pertains to justifiable use of force?

- A. 316
- B. 493
- C. 943
- D. 776

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19. How many hours of firearms training are required to obtain a Florida Class G license?

- A. 8 hours
- B. 16 hours
- C. 28 hours
- D. 40 hours

20. Before holstering a semi-automatic pistol at the end of a shift, an officer should FIRST:

- A. Engage the safety if present
- B. Clean and oil the barrel
- C. Clear and inspect the chamber to confirm unloaded status
- D. Remove the magazine and leave it on the desk



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21. Florida's minimum age to purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer is:

- A. 18 for all firearms
- B. 21 for all firearms
- C. 18 for long guns, 21 for handguns
- D. 16 with parental consent

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22. Florida's Castle Doctrine (§776.013) presumes a person has reasonable fear of imminent death or great bodily harm when an intruder:

- A. Knocks on the front door uninvited
- B. Forcefully and unlawfully enters or attempts to enter the person's home, vehicle, or occupied dwelling
- C. Trespasses on the property without entering the structure
- D. Calls threatening on the phone

23. De-escalation techniques should be attempted BEFORE drawing a firearm when:

- A. The suspect is armed with a knife at 21+ feet
- B. Time and safety permit verbal communication to resolve the situation
- C. The officer is in physical contact with the suspect
- D. Any weapon is visible on the suspect

24. A Level III retention holster requires the officer to perform how many deliberate steps before the firearm can be drawn?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. The firearm cannot be drawn without a key

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25. Proper two-handed pistol grip involves:

- A. Dominant hand only, non-dominant hand in pocket
- B. Dominant hand high on backstrap, non-dominant hand filling the gap with fingers wrapped over dominant hand
- C. Both thumbs pointed at the target, parallel
- D. Dominant hand wrapped around non-dominant fist

26. Which type of legal action can be brought against a security officer personally for wrongful conduct, separate from their employer?

- A. Only workers' compensation claims
- B. A civil tort action for negligence, battery, or false imprisonment
- C. Only an FDACS complaint
- D. A federal regulatory fine

27. What chapter in the Florida Statutes regulates the private security, investigation, and recovery industries (security licensing)?

- A. 776
- B. 790
- C. 493
- D. 812

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28. The Florida agency responsible for issuing Class G licenses to armed security officers is:

- A. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
- B. Florida Department of State
- C. Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS)
- D. Florida Department of Financial Services

29. An officer's semi-automatic pistol fails to fire when the trigger is pulled (hangfire). The correct action is to:

- A. Immediately eject the round and load a new one
- B. Keep the firearm pointed downrange for at least 30 seconds before unloading
- C. Shake the firearm to dislodge the round
- D. Open the action immediately



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30. Florida's 'Waiting Period' for firearm purchases from a licensed dealer is:

- A. 24 hours
- B. 3 days (72 hours)
- C. 5 business days
- D. No waiting period in Florida



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1. B — Florida Statute Chapter 493

Chapter 493 of the Florida Statutes governs the regulation of private security and investigative services, including Class G (statewide firearm) licensure through FDACS.

2. C — Toward the sky when unholstering

The four rules of firearm safety include: (1) Treat every firearm as loaded, (2) Never point at anything you don't intend to shoot, (3) Keep finger off trigger until ready, (4) Know your target and beyond.

3. A — Weapons and firearms laws in Florida

Chapter 790 of the Florida Statutes is titled 'Weapons and Firearms' and covers possession, carry, purchase, and use of firearms and other weapons throughout the state.

4. B — Reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to themselves or another

§776.012 justifies deadly force only when the person reasonably believes it is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to themselves or another person, or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony.

5. A — A subject is verbally aggressive

Drawing a firearm is a significant escalation. The officer must have an objectively reasonable belief — based on observable facts — that deadly force may be required imminently. Premature draws can create unnecessary danger.

6. C — The legal right to keep a firearm after duty

Weapon retention encompasses holster security features, body positioning, physical techniques, and training to prevent a subject from successfully disarming the officer.

7. A — Speed, power, and accuracy

The three fundamentals: (1) Sight alignment — front and rear sights aligned, (2) Sight picture — aligned sights on target, (3) Trigger control — smooth press without disturbing the sight picture.

8. A — No consequences if the subject was trespassing

Excessive force can result in criminal battery or assault charges, civil liability (personal and employer), and FDACS disciplinary action including license revocation.

9. C — Firearm

Florida Statute 790.001 defines a firearm as any weapon which will, is designed to, or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive.

10. A — Class D security officer license

Florida law requires that a person hold a valid Class D (unarmed security officer) license before being eligible to apply for a Class G statewide firearm license.



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11. A — Only when ready to fire

Trigger discipline requires keeping the finger straight and outside the trigger guard until the decision to fire has been made. Premature trigger contact is a leading cause of unintentional discharges.

12. C — Non-U.S. citizens only

Florida and federal law prohibit firearm possession by convicted felons, persons convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors, those subject to certain restraining orders, and others under §790.23 and 18 U.S.C. §922(g).

13. A — Call law enforcement before using force

Stand Your Ground eliminated the duty to retreat before using justifiable force in any location where the person has a legal right to be. Prior law required retreat when safe to do so outside the home.

14. C — Firearm draw to verbal warning

The use-of-force continuum: (1) Officer presence, (2) Verbal commands, (3) Soft empty-hand control, (4) Hard empty-hand control, (5) Less-lethal tools, (6) Deadly force — escalating to match the threat level.

15. A — During a vehicle stop

Most weapon takeaways occur during close-range physical contact when the officer and subject are in a struggle. This highlights the importance of retention training and maintaining safe distance.

16. C — 3 to 15 yards (with most standards at 7 yards)

Florida's Class G range qualification includes firing stages at 3, 7, and 15 yards, assessing accuracy at relevant duty distances. Most duty encounters occur inside 7 yards.

17. C — Federal agent

Security officers in Florida do not have peace officer powers. They may detain and use reasonable force under merchant's privilege (for retail settings) or make a citizen's arrest under Florida law in limited circumstances.

18. D — 776

Chapter 776 of the Florida Statutes governs the justifiable use of force.

19. C — 28 hours

Florida Statute §493.6115 requires a minimum of 28 hours of classroom and range firearms training to qualify for a Class G statewide firearm license.

20. D — Remove the magazine and leave it on the desk

Proper unloading procedure: (1) Remove the magazine, (2) Lock the slide back, (3) Visually and physically inspect the chamber, (4) Allow the slide to go forward on an empty chamber before holstering if storing unloaded.

21. B — 21 for all firearms

After the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act (2018), Florida raised the minimum age to purchase any firearm — including long guns — from a licensed dealer to 21 years old.

22. C — Trespasses on the property without entering the structure

The Castle Doctrine creates a legal presumption of reasonable fear when someone forcibly and unlawfully enters a dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle — supporting the use of deadly force to defend that space.



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23. B — Time and safety permit verbal communication to resolve the situation

When time and safety permit, verbal de-escalation — using calm commands, creating distance, and seeking to reduce tension — can resolve many situations without requiring force escalation.

24. B — Two

Level III holsters have three locking mechanisms (typically a thumb break, rotating hood, and trigger guard lock) that must be released in sequence before the firearm can be cleared from the holster.

25. B — Dominant hand high on backstrap, non-dominant hand filling the gap with fingers wrapped over dominant hand

The modern high-thumbs grip: dominant hand high on backstrap, non-dominant hand fills remaining grip space with fingers wrapped under the dominant hand's trigger guard. Both thumbs point forward toward the target.

26. B — A civil tort action for negligence, battery, or false imprisonment

A security officer can be personally sued in civil court for torts including battery (wrongful use of force), false imprisonment (unlawful detention), negligence, and defamation, independent of employer liability.

27. C — 493

Chapter 493 of the Florida Statutes regulates private security, investigative, and recovery industries, including Class D and Class G licensing.

28. D — Florida Department of Financial Services

FDACS (Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services) — Division of Licensing — is the state agency that issues Class D and Class G licenses under Chapter 493.

29. B — Keep the firearm pointed downrange for at least 30 seconds before unloading

A hangfire is a delayed ignition. The firearm must remain pointed in a safe direction (downrange) for at least 30 seconds to allow the round time to fire before attempting to unload.

30. D — No waiting period in Florida

Florida requires a mandatory 3-day (72-hour) waiting period after the purchase of a firearm before it can be taken possession of. Exceptions exist for certain licensees and persons with valid carry licenses.



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