

Pre-Course information

I wanted to provide everyone with some pre-course information to better understand what to expect. During the course you will learn first and foremost about gun safety. Secondly, you will become familiar with the different types of guns, the various types of ammunition, as well as how to properly shoot the firearms for which you are being instructed.

While I will do my best to help you gain a basic understanding of the legal concerns in NJ dealing with guns, this course is not designed to go into great depth with the law. Furthermore, as I am not a lawyer, your best bet is to talk to an attorney that can answer your questions. I will highly suggest you get coverage from US Lawshield so that you can get the answers you are looking for (as well as being covered).

Any deliberate violations of the safety rules, careless horsing around, or otherwise unsafe actions will result in your being removed from the course without refund. This will be a fun class but it will be a safe one, no exceptions.

Now to answer some questions that normally get asked prior to a class:

Q: Why should I take this course?

A: If you want to learn the proper safe gun handling procedures, improve your marksmanship, learn more about firearms, or if you already have all the skills and are looking for a certificate.

Q: Why should I not take this course?

A: If you do not feel well, are depressed, or suffering from some impairment that would cause you to believe you are dangerous with a firearm. Contact me and we can discuss in greater depth. If you have a felony or other legal restriction to being around a firearm, DO NOT even consider taking this course. Also, if you are looking for a course with state specific concealed carry requirements, please do not take this course but instead contact me for the availability of a state specific concealed carry instruction class that I can provide to you instead.

Q: Should I bring my gun?

A: For the classroom portion it is preferred that you do not. If you do want to bring it, please contact me in advance to go over why (and how). Understand that in NO circumstances should live ammunition ever be brought into the classroom portion. Any live ammo and the person bringing it will both be removed immediately.

Q: Do I need to purchase a gun in advance of taking this course?

A: It is actually recommended that you hold off purchasing a gun if you haven't already until you take the course. You may learn some valuable insight into the firearms that will allow you to make a better purchasing decision.

Q: Will there be a test at the end?

A: Yes and Yes. There is a written test and a target test. However, both are tests that I will help you so that you can pass these.

Q: Can I use my own gun for the live fire practice and test?

A: Yes as long as the firearm is safe and meets applicable NJ regulations. If you have any questions in advance on this please let me know. If using your own gun, please provide your own ammo.

Q: What safety gear should I bring for the live fire portion?

A: If you have ear protection please bring it. If not I will provide some for you. If you haven't purchased any yet, I would either recommend holding off until after the classroom portion or contacting me in advance if you want to have your own. As for eye protection, if you don't wear glasses, please bring or be ready to wear safety glasses. If you wear bi/tri/multi focal lenses and have a pair of single vision, please bring them along.

Q: Can youth participate?

A: Yes and no. If the youth is mature enough to understand and respect the gravity of firearm safety and control, that is fine. I have seen 10 year olds easily handle it and have seen late teens that are a concern. When it doubt, please contact me in advance.

Q: What really do I need to bring with me?

A: For the classroom portion: Valid ID, Signed Waivers, Open Mind. Optional: Reading or single focus glasses if you wear multifocal, food if desired as it is a long class, Pen

For the live fire: Your gun and ammo (if you don't have one then you can use my stuff), Valid ID, Firearms ID card (if you are bringing your own firearm and ammo). Eye and ear protection (I can assist if needed). Reminder, all firearms must be NJ legal at the time of the course. Do not bring any firearm with greater than a 10 round magazine or modified in such a way that it is illegal.

Q: Is there any time that there may be physical contact being made?

A: While I will try my best to extremely limit physical contact, this is a course designed to assist you in the movements and operation of a firearm. There may be times due to safety or instructional concerns that I may have to physically interact. This is for your safety and benefit as well as mine and everyone else.

Q: Are there any clothing requirements?

A: Out at the range it is highly recommended to wear a shirt with a closed collar (open v-necks and all attract hot brass casings, you don't want to go there). Also, open toe shoes and heels are not appropriate for the range. Sneakers or boots are your best bet. Make it comfortable. A baseball cap is not a bad idea as well if you are comfortable wearing one.



Thank you in advance, Scott Hutton – 5 Stone Training



Liability release and Assumption of Risk Agreement

You must read carefully and fill in all blanks before signing

I, _____, hereby affirm that I am aware that Firearms training and operations have inherent risks which may result in serious injury or death. I acknowledge that the reaction to, possession of, and/or use of firearms is potentially dangerous, and involves risk of serious personal injury, death, psychological trauma, and/or other personal and financial liability. The undersigned agrees to assume all risk and waives any and all claims of liability for personal injury, death, psychological trauma, and/or other personal or financial loss. I understand that operating firearms with explosive components involves certain inherent risks which may require transport to a medical facility.

Explosive detonations, misfiring, hang firing, and other malfunctioning of ammunition, the firearm, or its components, ricocheting of projectiles, or impacted materials which may occur during training. I understand that the activities, which are necessary for training and for certification, may be conducted at a site that is remote, either by time or distance or both, from such a medical facility. I still choose to proceed with such instructional activities in spite of the possible absence of a medical facility in proximity to the training site. Scott Hutton, 5 Stone Training LLC, the facility at which I receive my instruction, nor the facility that I attend for live fire, nor any of their respective employees, officers, volunteers, agents, contractors, or assigns, (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") may not be held liable or responsible in any way for any injury, death, or other damages to me or my family, heirs, estate, or assigns that may occur as a result of my participation in this firearms class or as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in this course, I hereby personally assume all risks of this course, whether foreseen or unforeseen, that may befall me while I am a participant in this course, including but not limited to the academics, travel, or practical firing activities. I further release, exempt, and hold harmless said course and Released Parties from any claim or lawsuit by me, my family, estate, heirs, or assigns, arising out of my enrollment and participation in this course including both claims arising during the course or after I receive my certification. I also understand that shooting and participating in live fire exercises are physically strenuous activities and that I will be exerting myself during this firearms training course, and that if I am injured as a result of: a heart attack, panic, hyperventilation, or any other cause, that I expressly assume the risk of said injuries and that I will not hold the Released Parties responsible for the same.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this liability release, or that I have acquired the written consent of my parent or guardian. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free act and with the knowledge that I hereby agree to waive my legal rights. I further agree if any provision of this Agreement is found to unenforceable or invalid, that provision shall be severed from this Agreement. The remainder of this Agreement will then be construed as though the unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

I _____ BY THIS INSTRUMENT AGREE TO EXEMPT AND RELEASE MY INSTRUCTOR, Scott Hutton, THE FACILITY THROUGH WHICH I RECEIVE MY INSTRUCTION, AND ALL RELATED ENTITIES AS DEFINED ABOVE, FROM ALL LIABILITY OR RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER FOR PERSONAL INJURY, PROPERTY DAMAGE, WRONGFUL DEATH HOWEVER CAUSED, PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAMA, AND/OR OTHER PRERSONAL OR FINANCIAL LOSS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES, WHETHER PASSIVE OR ACTIVE. I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (where applicable)

_____ Date: _____

WAVIER AND NOTICE

I understand, whether or not in actual use, gun ranges pose risks that can result in many forms of damage or injury caused by the equipment, other users and even environmental risks including but not limited to sound and air and chemical pollutants all of which are part of the normal shooting sports range environment. If you are pregnant, suffer from respiratory problems, visual impairments, are susceptible to loud noises and even metal allergies, YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES INVOLVING EXPOSURE TO LEAD OR LOUD NOISES OR ANY OF THE OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES LISTED ABOVE.

STUDENT

Parent/Guardian