

JOSEPH PICARIELLO  
BIO

Joe recently retired after serving 37 years as a part-time officer with the Princeton, Massachusetts Police Department. Since 1988, Joe has been the principal firearms instructor for the Princeton Police Department. He also served for 17 years as the chief firearms instructor for the Wayland Auxiliary Police Department. He was a Level 4 Master Instructor/Trainer for the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC). He held several instructor certifications, including MPTC, Massachusetts Sheriff's Association, NRA Law Enforcement Tactical Shooting Instructor, S&W Academy Patrol Rifle Instructor, and is an REB certified OC Instructor, MPTC F.A.T.S. Instructor, and Range 2000 Instructor. He was on the MPTC Firearms Training Committee for 17 years and was Pistol Training co-chairman.

He was also a firearms instructor for Westminster PD, Quinsigamond Community College Police, and the Quinsigamond Community College part-time officer academy as chief firearms instructor.

He is a Massachusetts State Police Adjunct Instructor in Mental Preparation for Lethal Encounters as well as a Basic Handgun Safety instructor and LEOSA instructor. Joe is a member of IALEFI and the Massachusetts Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor's & Armorer's Association (MLEFI & AA). He served as the editor of a comprehensive firearms course manual for MLEFI & AA that is currently in its sixth printing and is in use at over thirty P.O.S.T. Academies and hundreds of police agencies around the world. Joe has been an instructor for the MLEFI & AA Annual Instructor Development Training Conferences. He also presented at the IALEFI RTC in Colliers Mills, NJ, and Gilford, NH. He has been an integral part of the subsequent training conferences that MLEFI & AA has offered over the years.

Most importantly, he served as the secretary for the MLEFI & AA for 17 years, handling the day-to-day activities of the association. He has published articles in law enforcement publications. Joe has attended numerous classes taught by nationally known firearms trainers such as John Farnum, Jim Cirillo (NYPD ret.), Jerry Lane, Massad Ayoob, Bank Miller, Lou Chiodo, Mike Conti, and many others. Over the years he has also attended many of the IALEFI RTC's in New York and New Jersey and several IALEFI Annual Training Conferences. He is also a graduate of the Lethal Force Institute and attended the Law Enforcement Training Camp (LETC) in Provo, Utah twice.

He is currently the owner of Wachusett Firearms Training offering firearms training to civilians.