Advanced Firearms Instructor Training

Course Information and Application Packet

Advanced Handgun Instructor- March 8-12, 2027

SCCJA Lesson Plan #6162 • SCCJA FIS Equivalency Approved

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LAW ENFORCEMENT D.R.A.W. SCHOOL FIREARMS TRAINING



Law enforcement officers across the country are facing increasingly violent, faster threats and must have a higher level of mastery when using their handgun and/or patrol rifle. Yet, due to manpower levels, scheduling, range availability, budget cuts and other issues, many departments struggle to regularly train their officers **past the minimum standards** required by the state. To address these concerns and provide agencies with the ability to train their officers to a higher level of proficiency, speed and accuracy on a continual basis, a nationally standardized firearms training curriculum called **D.R.A.W. School** was developed in 2014. The acronym "D.R.A.W." stands for **Developing Rapid Ability with Weapons.**

These expertly designed law enforcement firearms training and instructor development curriculums meet and/or exceed all state and federal law enforcement firearms training requirements for all 50 states. D.R.A.W. School firearms training curriculums are designed to complement each state's training requirements and can be **easily integrated into any agency's training program for consistent performance and results.** D.R.A.W. School is a nationally recognized firearms training and instructor development curriculum and is POST-certified in various states. It is also carries full state equivalency in South Carolina and Georgia. D.R.A.W. School is widely recognized as the most up-to-date law enforcement firearms training program available today.

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"D.R.A.W. School was years ahead of its time, functioning as a forward-thinking pioneer in firearms instruction and applying training concepts that much of the profession is only now beginning to examine seriously".

–Officer.com, October 2026

The introduction of the **D.R.A.W. School Online Training System**, an LMS-based, self-paced online firearms training course, changes the game when it comes to how departments conduct regular firearms training. The Online Training System helps officers to stay consistent and ready with twenty-three different 10–15-minute training segments that cover all aspects of the five core competencies of the D.R.A.W. School training curriculum. Combined with mandated departmental in-person firearms training, agencies have found that having their officers enrolled in regular online firearms training with realistic and safe dry-fire drills greatly increases confidence, speed, accuracy, and this results in higher qualification scores.

The D.R.A.W. School Firearms Training and the Advanced Instructor Training courses have been praised by departments, officers, and firearms instructors from coast-to-coast. **The methods taught have been directly credited to saving the lives of officers involved in OIS incidents.** D.R.A.W. School and its founders have been featured in multiple police periodicals, such as Police Magazine, Law Enforcement Technology, Officer.com, and have been invited to speak to many professional police associations.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL ADVANCED FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR TRAINING



The D.R.A.W. School **Advanced Handgun Instructor** course is a 5-day, 46-hour advanced instructor development and certification course designed to provide law enforcement instructors and officers with the basic and advanced shooting skills, instructional ability, training, and knowledge required to teach basic and advanced handgun shooting and handling techniques to their officers. The curriculum is designed to teach instructors how to effectively train officers to increase their speed, accuracy and focus when shooting. This is a highly dynamic course that focuses on real-world application of the skills learned. This hybrid course combines an online pre-requisite training course (6-hours), with intense practical exercises and instructional training.



The **D.R.A.W. School Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor Training** course is a 4-day, 32+ hour advanced instructor development and certification course. It provides instructors and officers with an enhanced ability to learn both basic and advanced skills to master the complexity of their patrol rifle, even in the most demanding or hostile environments. With agencies and departments utilizing patrol rifles more and more, instructors must be able to train their officers in a very efficient manner without compromising instructional quality. This is a highly dynamic course with almost all instructional time devoted to practical and live-fire exercises. This course takes patrol rifle training and instructor development well past recognized minimum state and federal standards.

PREREQUISITE: All instructor candidates attending either course must complete the 6-hour online training prerequisite training course. Per SCCJA guidelines candidates may attend these courses prior to obtaining their Basic Instructor Development (BID) or their Specialized Skills Instructor (SSI) certification. However, those candidates must attend either BID or SSI within 12-months of completing either D.R.A.W. School instructor course. The original D.R.A.W. School issued certification date will be the renewal anniversary date.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT



"My bottom line is that I walked in as a skeptic, but I walked out a believer. If you have an opportunity to train in the D.R.A.W School method, do what you have to do to make that happen! Of all the schools and training I have undertaken in the last 25 years, D.R.A.W. School has been the best and most productive of the lot."

- SO R. Bemis, U.S. Federal Firearms Instructor (AL)

FOCUSING ON INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT



The D.R.A.W. School instructor development curriculums are hybrid instructional courses that are designed to maximize training time, while ensuring that each skillset is learned, retained, and applied by instructor candidates. In doing so, the goal is to help instructor candidates to **effectively and consistently duplicate the training process** so that officers become highly proficient with their weapons. Each segment of the curriculum starts with an academic study of the subject where instructor candidates learn the true science behind the techniques.

Each step in the training process answers the "why" behind the method or process. Next, instructor candidates are immersed in a series of specifically designed practical exercises that help them correctly perform each physical and mental function in the proper brain/body sequence. This safe, dry-fire training is performed utilizing the BarrelBlok safety device along with a specially designed "stairstep" training methodology. As each step is mastered, the speed is increased, and fast, dynamic movement is added.



Once the practical exercises are mastered, instructor candidates then perform the same skills in a live-fire environment on the range. At the end of each course, instructor candidates will shoot a 50-round qualification. These qualifications include many of the skills they learned and practiced during the course.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT

"Prior to attending D.R.A.W. School I thought I knew how to operate my patrol rifle. I realized quickly I did not; I was only 'pressing the trigger'. I truly know how to operate with it now! This course far exceeded any class I have ever attended."

- Cpl. Lacy Locklear, Wilmington Police Dept. (NC)



WHO MAY ATTEND THE COURSES?

The D.R.A.W. School Instructor Training courses are for sworn law enforcement personnel and related public safety services. Each applicant's employment and position will be verified to maintain strict attendance requirements. The following individuals may apply to attend either course 1.) local, state and federally certified law enforcement instructors and officers 2.) retired LEOs currently instructing at a college or law enforcement agency, or 3.) critical infrastructure security teams such as NRC, DoE, power companies, nuclear plants, etc.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT



"In my 14 years in law enforcement and 4 years in the Marine Corps, I have never been more impressed and constantly engaged in a firearms training course. The realism, practicality and top-notch instruction far exceeded my expectations! "

- Sgt. W. Ferrelli, Bluffton Police Department (SC)

COURSE REGISTRATION FEES & DEADLINES

To attend the D.R.A.W. School **Advanced Handgun Instructor** or the **Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor** course, **the application at the end of this packet must be filled out in its entirety and returned to D.R.A.W. School via email.** The application is a PDF fillable document, so it can be filled out and signed online. Applications must be submitted along with any required supporting documentation by the final application deadline, **Friday, February 19, 2027**. **DO NOT submit your application until your agency approves you to attend.** Students that wish to self-pay to attend either course may do so. **There is an automatic $100.00 discount when registering for both courses.** The Early Bird and regular registration fees for the Advanced Firearm Instructor courses are as follows:

INSTRUCTOR COURSE	EARLY BIRD REGISTATION FEE & DEADLINE	REGISTRATION FEE & DEADLINE
Advanced Handgun Instructor	**$729.00*** Friday, January 22, 2027	**$779.00** Friday, February 19, 2027
Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor	**$629.00*** Friday, January 22, 2027	**$679.00** Friday, February 19, 2027
Adv. Handgun & Patrol Rifle Instructor	**$1,258.00*** Friday, January 22, 2027	**$1,358.00** Friday, February 19, 2027

*Application must be submitted and approved on or before Early Bird deadline.

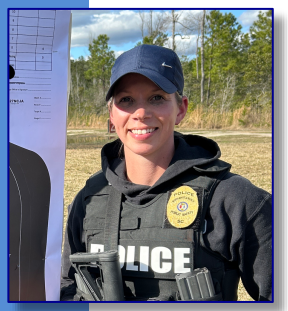
Payment type and information must be provided on the application when it is submitted. Payments made via credit/debit card will be charged upon approval of the application and receipts will be sent via email. Purchase order requests must be shown on the application and will be invoiced to the applicant's department. **Seating for these courses is limited to sixteen (16) seats per course.** Acceptance and approval is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

PLEASE NOTE- Refund requests will be issued if the instructor candidate notifies D.R.A.W. School at least twenty (20) days **before** the start of the course that they cannot attend. A non-refundable fee of $199.00 will apply in such cases. **Refund requests made less than twenty (20) days from the start of the course for any reason are non-refundable.** If for any reason the course is canceled or postponed, registrations will be rolled over to the next available course of the applicant's choice as long as seating is available. Make-up courses may also be scheduled to make sure applicants can take the course in a timely manner.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT

"As a female, learning specific techniques to help instruct females officers to shoot firearms better was extremely helpful. D.R.A.W. School answered my questions about how to train female officers in a way no other course has been able to do."

- Ofc. S. Johnson, North Myrtle Beach Police Dept. (SC)



INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE ATTIRE

Instructor candidates should wear comfortable clothing that is conducive for a physically demanding firearms training environment. It is highly recommended that instructor candidates wear clothing that allows them to move freely during the practical exercises. Clothing will become dirty throughout various parts of the course and during range training exercises.

The range facility is outside, so **please be sure to bring appropriate clothing that will keep you comfortable while still allowing for physical activity.** Layer clothing appropriately based on the projected forecast. Be aware of weather and the potential for weather-related exposures. It is recommended that you bring a lightweight water-repellent jacket in case of rain during the range exercises. Comfortable, supportive footwear is highly recommended for all segments of the course as you will be on your feet for extended periods. Instructor candidates should bring and wear their body armor throughout the course to properly simulate their entire duty uniform ensemble during all training exercises. Body armor is required to be worn on the range during all live-fire exercises.

Do not wear jeans to class, as they are not allowed.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT



"I have learned so much and retained more due to the D.R.A.W. method. This has definitely been the most challenging, yet satisfying, firearms course I have been part of in my six years of military and ten years of law enforcement experience. "

- Dep. J. Byrne, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office (AL)

EQUIPMENT AND PACKING LIST

Each instructor candidate must wear a duty holster properly affixed to a sturdy belt during all practical and live-fire range exercises. It is preferred that the holster issued by the instructor candidate's department is the one brought to class as this is the holster that they will be training others to use. **Level II and Level III duty holsters are required. The use of IWB holsters is NOT allowed in either course.** Duty holsters affixed to outer carriers or tactical vests are not allowed in class.

ADVANCED HANDGUN INSTRUCTOR PACKING LIST	
1.	Semi-automatic duty handgun (it is recommended that a back-up handgun be brought in case of primary handgun malfunction/failure)
2.	Level II or Level III duty holster properly affixed to a belt/duty belt
3.	Minimum of three (3) magazines and magazine pouch
4.	Body armor, outer carrier or tactical armor is **REQUIRED**
5.	Knee pads are recommended (but not required) for ground operations
6.	Baseball-style ball cap with bill is **REQUIRED**
7.	**Electronic noise-cancelling ear protection is REQUIRED**
8.	Eye protection (wrap around); prescription eyeglasses are acceptable
9.	750 rounds minimum of handgun target ammunition
10.	10 handgun caliber dummy rounds **(metal casing type preferred)**
11.	Handgun cleaning kit

ADVANCED PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR PACKING LIST	
1.	Semi-automatic patrol rifle with an aiming optic (red dot sight) is **REQUIRED** (it is recommended that a back-up rifle be brought)
2.	Semi-automatic duty handgun with minimum of two (2) spare magazines
3.	Full duty belt or tactical belt with secured Level II or Level III duty holster. Duty/tactical holster must be worn on belt.
4.	Minimum of three (3) rifle magazines with mag carrier (pouches must be attached to outer carrier, tactical kit, tactical belt, etc.)
5.	Concealable armor, outer carrier or tactical kit as worn on duty is **REQUIRED** throughout the course
6.	Knee pads are recommended for ground operations (not required)
7.	Baseball-style ball cap with bill is **REQUIRED**
8.	**Electronic noise-cancelling ear protection is REQUIRED**
9.	Eye protection (wrap around); prescription eyeglasses are acceptable
10.	Minimum 750 rounds of rifle target ammo, 150 rounds of handgun ammo
11.	10 dummy rounds in caliber of patrol rifle (metal casing type preferred)
12.	Rifle cleaning kit

Once a student has been registered for the course, they will have access to an online packing list through the Instructor Portal. They will also have access to a course check-off sheet to ensure they have everything needed to bring to class. If there are any questions about what to bring on either list, instructor candidates should contact their instructors.

PHYSICAL FITNESS & HYDRATION

Both the Advanced Handgun Instructor course and the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course are physically demanding courses with daily practical and range exercises. In addition to being on your feet for extended periods of time, some of the practical and live-fire exercises are strenuous. **Applicants are highly encouraged to have a physical fitness capacity capable of allowing them to participate in all exercises and complete the course.** If an applicant has any medical issues or physical limitations, they are **required** to state those on the application and in-class registration forms. However, this does NOT disqualify an applicant from attending. It is highly recommended that instructor candidates refrain from consuming beverages that tend to cause dehydration (soda, sugary drinks, energy drinks, etc.), and drink plenty of water with an electrolyte-based drink mix added (i.e. Liquid IV, SkyMD, LMNT or DripDrop) to stay properly hydrated during the course.



TRAINING VENUE AND RANGE FACILITY & HOST POC

The Advanced Handgun Instructor course and the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course will both be held at the **Greenville County Sheriff's Office Range** facility. The physical address is **Greenville County Sheriff's Office Range, 150 Thurston Road, Taylors, SC 29687.**

Please locate this training facility on a map and be familiar with its location before the first day of class. The **Greenville County Sheriff's Office** POC is **Lt. Shane Craig** at **864-365-4456.** Please direct all course-related questions to **D.R.A.W. School** POC **Jason Speller** at **704-298-9897.**

ONLINE INSTRUCTOR PORTAL

Once an application has been approved, the instructor candidate will be emailed an invitation to create an account for the **D.R.A.W. School Instructor Online Portal.** Once the instructor portal account has been created, the instructor candidate will have access to all information that is needed for the course. This information will include the following:

- **Course Preparation Check List-** Walks instructor candidates step-by-step through the process of preparing for the course(s) they will be attending.
- **Equipment Packing Lists-** Provides a full list of all equipment instructor candidates need to bring with them to the course.
- **Online Training Course-** Directions to log into the FREE D.R.A.W. School Online Training System and order the BarrelBlok safety and training device(s). **Please Note- The online course must be completed prior to the start of class in order to attend the in-person portion of the course. Further instructions are online.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I am not a certified SSI or BID instructor yet, but I am a sworn law enforcement officer. Can I still attend the advanced instructor courses?
A: Yes, however you must obtain your SSI or BID certification within 12 months for the firearms instructor course to be valid with the SCCJA. The D.R.A.W. School certificate date will serve as the anniversary date for your SCCJA instructor renewal and qualifications.

Q: Can I take the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course by itself?
A: Yes, however you cannot submit your DRAW certification for PRI equivalency until you have your FIS certification. If an applicant did NOT attend the D.R.A.W. School Advanced Handgun Instructor course to obtain their FIS certification, they must go through the online 6-hour prerequisite training course BEFORE attending Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor.

Q: If I attend the Advanced Handgun Instructor School can I take the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course as soon as it is offered again?
A: Yes, there is no waiting period to attend either course.

Q: The information says these courses are certification courses. Who is the certifying entity?
A: The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy certifies all graduates who submit the paperwork to the SCCJA to obtain their FIS and/or PRI certification(s). Students must submit the proper paperwork through the proper channels to receive their certification.

Q: Is D.R.A.W. School Firearms Instructor Training SCCJA-approved?
A: Yes. Advanced Handgun Instructor (Lesson Plan Number 6162); Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor (Lesson Plan Number 6163); For SCCJA Course Equivalency, see Page 10 below.

Q: How physically demanding are these courses?
A: These courses are physically demanding. There is a lot of repetitious movement involving speed and agility. There are also a lot of training segments that require getting down on to and up off the ground. Instructor candidates are required to perform and complete all exercises in the classroom and on the range to pass the course.

Q: Does the host agency endorse independent courses such as D.R.A.W. School?
A: No, most governmental agencies are not allowed to "endorse" D.R.A.W. School. However, since the SCCJA has properly vetted and approved the course curriculum and training standards for instructor certification equivalency in 2020, the host agency has graciously agreed to host the courses at their training facilities.

Q: How difficult is the qualification course of fire?
A: The courses of fire are representative of the training. Both handgun and patrol rifle courses of fire require a 93% minimum score, and all 50 rounds MUST be on the silhouette. All subsequent instructor qualifications must be performed through the SCCJA.

Q: Is there a written test with this course?
A: Yes, there is a 50-question True/False/Multiple Choice test at the end of each course. Instructor candidates must score 70% or higher to pass the written test.

South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy

MEMO

TO: **MR. JASON SPELLER**
Chief Firearms Instructor, Law Enforcement DRAW School

FROM: **MAJ. LAUREN FENNELL**
SCCJA Standards and Accreditation Unit

DATE: **May 6, 2025**

RE: **Process for Advanced Handgun Instructor and Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor Equivalency (DRAW)**

The following process should be used for those students who successfully complete either of the above-listed DRAW courses and wish to have an instructor equivalency through the SC Criminal Justice Academy.

1. Email the DRAW certificate(s) to lwfennell@sccja.sc.gov. If the certificate is being sent by the person to whom it is issued, the training officer or another higher-ranking officer should be copied on the email.

   Include the officer's name and Acadis ID number in the email.

2. The Academy will ensure the officer's Specific Skills or Basic Instructor Development is in good standing, log the DRAW training, and send the requestor a letter granting the equivalency. If the Specific Skills/Basic Instructor or DRAW training is expired, the equivalency will not be granted.

   Allow five business days for the equivalency to be noted in the Acadis file.

3. The Firearms Instructor School (FIS) equivalency will be granted for those officers who attend that comparable DRAW training. The officer will be required to recertify with the Academy to maintain this certification.

4. The Patrol Rifle Instructor (PRI) equivalency will be granted for those officers who attend that comparable DRAW training. The officer will be required to recertify with the Academy to maintain this certification.

Please contact me with any questions. 803.896.7746 or lwfennell@sccja.sc.gov.

Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School
Advanced Handgun Instructor Training
General Course Schedule

Day 1	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	Welcome, Introductions, Course Overview, Rules, and Housekeeping
0900-1200	**Understanding the Science Behind D.R.A.W. School**
1000-1200	DRAW Module 1 Practical Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-Until	**DRAW Module 1- Mastering the Basics**
Day 2	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	**DRAW Module 2- Mastering Reloading**
0900-1100	DRAW Module 2 Practical Exercises
1100-1200	Safety Briefing and DRAW Modules 1 & 2 Live-Fire Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1400	**DRAW Module 3- Mastering Malfunctions**
1400-1500	DRAW Module 3 Practical Exercises
1500-Until	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 3 Live-Fire Exercises
Day 3	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	**DRAW Module 4- Mastering the Environment**
0900-1200	DRAW Module 4 Practical Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1500	DRAW Module 4 Practical Exercises
1500-Until	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 4 Live-Fire Exercises
Day 4	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	**DRAW Module 5- Mastering Incapacitated Shooting**
0900-1200	DRAW Module 5 Practical Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1700	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 5 Live-Fire Exercises
Day 5	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-1200	**Instructor Candidate Live-Fire Qualifications**
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1400	Department Firearms Training Program Implementation
1400-1500	Instructor Candidate Written Test
1500-Until	Instructor Graduation

Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School
Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor Training
General Course Schedule

Day 1	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	Welcome, Introductions, Course Overview, Rules, and Housekeeping
0900-1000	**DRAW Module 1- Mastering the Basics**
1000-1100	DRAW Module 1 Practical Exercises
1100-1200	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 1 Live-Fire Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1400	**DRAW Module 2- Mastering Movement & Transitions**
1400-1500	DRAW Module 2 Practical Exercises
1500-Until*	Safety Briefing and DRAW 2 Module 2 Live-Fire Exercises
Day 2	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	**DRAW Module 3- Mastering Malfunctions**
0900-1100	DRAW Module 3 Practical Exercises
1100-1200	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 3 Live-Fire Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1400	**DRAW Module 4- Mastering the Environment**
1400-1600	DRAW Module 4 Practical Exercises
1600-Until*	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 4 Live-Fire Exercises
Day 3	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	**DRAW Module 5- Mastering Incapacitated Shooting**
0900-1100	DRAW Module 5 Practical Exercises
1100-Until*	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 5 Live-Fire Exercises
Day 4	
0730-0800	Safety Briefing
0800-1200	Instructor Candidate Live-Fire Qualifications
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1400	Department Firearms Training Program Implementation
1400-1500	Instructor Candidate Written Test
1500-Until*	Instructor Graduation

*The D.R.A.W. School Patrol Rifle Instructor course is a *minimum* of 32-hours. There is not a set stop time noted at the end of the day. All range activities can be extended if needed to assist all instructor candidates in the course. The instructor and/or instructor candidates may wish to run additional live-fire drills while on the range at the conclusion of the day. Therefore, instructor candidates should expect to stay at the range past 1700 each day if needed.