



Advanced Firearms Instructor Training

Course Information and Application Packet

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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, scheduling, range availability, ammunition shortages, budget cuts and other issues, many departments struggle to regularly train their officers **well past the minimum standards** required by each 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 named **Law Enforcement 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 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 training results**. D.R.A.W. School is a nationally recognized firearms training and instructor development curriculum, it is POST-certified in various states and has been granted full state equivalency in South Carolina. D.R.A.W. School has been taught to instructors in over 40 states and is widely recognized as the most up-to-date, modern law enforcement firearms training program available today.



The introduction of the LMS-based **D.R.A.W. School Online Training System**, a self-paced online firearms training course, was the first of its kind when it comes to how departments conduct regular firearms training. It helps officers to consistently train with over twenty 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 dry-fire drills greatly increases confidence, speed, accuracy, and this results in higher qualification scores.



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 and Law Enforcement Technology, and have been invited to speak to many police professional associations nationwide.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL ADVANCED PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR

The **D.R.A.W. School Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor (APRI)** training course is a 3-day, 36-hour advanced instructor development and certification course. It focuses on developing the expert manipulation of the AR-15 patrol rifle platform. It refines candidates into expert shooters and instructors with a comprehensive ability to train their officers. APRI covers both basic and advanced skills to help candidates



master the complexity of their patrol rifle, even in the most demanding or hostile environments. With more departments now utilizing patrol rifles, instructors must be able to train their officers in a highly efficient manner without compromising quality.

This is a very 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. There is simply no other course like it in North America. Using the D.R.A.W. School training methodology, APRI takes candidates through twenty-two (22) separate areas of instruction, with each section building on the previous. The APRI curriculum covers the following areas:

- **D.R.A.W. 1- Mastering the Basics:** The course begins with an in-depth review of the components of the AR-15 platform and learning how to properly fit a patrol rifle to an officer. Extensive time is spent on mastering OTOS drills, emergency reloading and tactical reloading, all from both stationary positions and while moving.
- **D.R.A.W. 2- Mastering Movement and Transitions:** Candidates will master the ability to shoot and move both linearly and laterally, as well as shooting their patrol rifle from the primary and secondary shoulder positions around barricades. Candidates will also master primary to secondary weapon transitions.
- **D.R.A.W. 3- Mastering Malfunctions:** Candidates will learn to quickly identify and clear all five types of patrol rifle malfunctions. A deep study of the mechanics of each malfunction type helps candidates to master clearances with tremendous speed.
- **D.R.A.W. 4- Mastering the Environment:** This section of training helps candidates to master the ability to utilize the environment to their advantage during an incident. Shooting from various points of elevation builds the necessary skills needed to operate a patrol rifle in any situation.
- **D.R.A.W. 5- Mastering Incapacitated Shooting:** Just because an officer is shot doesn't mean they are out of the fight. Mastering the operation of a patrol rifle while using one hand only is a skill that must be mastered by officers utilizing this platform.

PREREQUISITE: All instructor candidates attending must complete the 6-hour online handgun training prerequisite training course. The APRI Qualification Course of Fire incorporates the use of a handgun as a secondary weapon on multiple stages. For candidates that are not D.R.A.W. School Advanced Handgun Instructor certified, this online course brings them up to speed on handgun skills that will help them pass the APRI Qualification.

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 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 all 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 portion of instruction is performed utilizing a special 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 the course, instructor candidates will shoot a 50-round qualification course for each of the instructor development courses. These qualifications include many of the skills they learned and practiced during the course. Please see the **Daily Course Schedules** on page 10 for a list activities by day and time.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT

“D.R.A.W. School opened my eyes to how outdated the training I received and continued to teach really is! I quickly recognized how impractical many of the ‘traditional’ training techniques in law enforcement really are.”

- Sr. DPO K. Chao, San Mateo Co. Probation Dept. (CA)



WHO MAY ATTEND ADVANCED PATROL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR?

The D.R.A.W. School Instructor Training courses are **for sworn law enforcement personnel only and law enforcement affiliated positions**. 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
2. Local, state or federally certified law enforcement officers
3. Retired LEOs currently instructing at a college or state-licensed agency

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 FEE & REGISTRATION PROCESS

To attend the **Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor** course, **the application at the end of this packet must be filled out and returned to D.R.A.W. School via email**. The application is a PDF document that can be typed out and printed off. **All mandatory fields must be filled in.** Applications must be submitted along with any required supporting documentation by the application deadline, **Monday, November 24, 2025**. Each applicant must submit a copy of their law enforcement credentials and a letter from their law enforcement agency stating that they are currently in good standing and meet the requirements to attend. **DO NOT submit your application until your agency approves you to attend.**

The registration fee for the **Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor** course is **\$579.00 per person**. **Payment type and information must be provided on the application when it is submitted.** Payments made via credit/debit will be charged upon approval of the application and receipts will be sent via email. ****Please provide the name and email address of the person(s) that should receive the receipt for payment if other than the applicant.*** **Seating for the course is limited to fourteen (14) seats.** Acceptance and approval are 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 fifteen (15) days before the start of the course that they cannot attend. A non-refundable fee of \$249.00 will apply in such cases. **Refund requests made less than fifteen (15) days from the start of the course for any reason are non-refundable.** If an

application is received and the desired dates are full, the applicant will be notified by phone or email. In such situations, applicants may be placed on a waiting list.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT

"With 25 years in law enforcement, D.R.A.W. School has to be the biggest positive change I've seen in firearms training! It increases ones speed and accuracy. I highly recommend this as a MUST for all law enforcement officers!"

- Ofc. W. Pickett, Santa Paula Police Dept. (CA)



INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE DRESS CODE

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

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. Range activities will be outside. Be aware of weather and the potential for exposure. 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.**

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 carry their handgun in a Level II or III duty holster that is properly affixed to a belt (duty or tactical) during all practical and live-fire range exercises. Patrol Rifles must have a single point or two-point sling properly attached.

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 in case of primary patrol rifle malfunction/failure)	
2.	Semi-automatic duty handgun with minimum of two (2) spare magazines with magazine pouch affixed to duty belt or outer carrier.	
3.	BarrelBlok safety and training device in caliber of duty handgun.*	
4.	RifleBlok 556 safety and training device for patrol rifle.*	
5.	Full duty belt or tactical belt with secured Level II or Level III duty holster affixed to the belt.	
6.	Minimum of three (3) rifle magazines with mag carrier (carriers must be attached to outer carrier, tactical kit, battle belt, etc.)	
7.	Concealable body armor, outer carrier or tactical kit is REQUIRED	
8.	Knee pads are recommended (but not required) for ground operations	
9.	Baseball-style ball cap with bill is REQUIRED	
10.	Electronic noise-cancelling ear protection is REQUIRED	
11.	Eye protection (wrap around); prescription eyeglasses are acceptable	
12.	750 rounds minimum of rifle target ammunition & 150 rounds of handgun target ammunition	
13.	10 patrol rifle caliber dummy rounds (metal casing type preferred)	
14.	Patrol rifle and handgun cleaning kit	

*Candidates can order BarrelBlok and RifleBlok at a discounted price through the Instructor Portal. Full packing lists are available for download in the Instructor Portal once an applicant has been approved and registered for class.

D.R.A.W. SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT

“This course answers all the “whys” about shooting and training. The D.R.A.W. School sequence of instruction establishes the foundation of shooting like no other course I have taken. The curriculum is outstanding for training our officers!

- Sgt. C. Shropshier, North Charleston Police Dept. (SC)



PHYSICAL FITNESS & HYDRATION

The Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course can be physically challenging at times during daily practical and range exercises. 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, LMNT or DripDrop) to stay properly hydrated.



TRAINING VENUE AND RANGE FACILITY

The Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course will be held at the **Fairfax County Police Dept. Firearms Training Unit** located at **3721 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151**.

The **Fairfax Co. Police Dept.** POC is **Lt. Mike Cuyler** at **703-803-8255**. The **D.R.A.W. School** POC is **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 Online Instructor 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.
- **Equipment Packing Lists-** Provides instructor candidates a full list of all the equipment they need to bring with them to the course. Some types of equipment are required, such as electronic hearing protection.
- **Health & Safety Recommendations-** Addresses any health or safety concerns that may affect the course and what precautions, or restrictions are in place (if needed).
- **Online Training Course-** Directions to log into the D.R.A.W. School Online Training System and order BarrelBlok and RifleBlok safety and training devices.
- **Updates-** Any course informational updates instructor candidates need.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I am not a certified firearms instructor yet, but I am a sworn law enforcement officer. Can I still attend the advanced instructor courses?

A: Yes, the course starts with basic-level instructor training and progresses through advanced-level instructor training. It is suitable for all officers to take.

Q: Do I have to go through the online handgun training prerequisite course to attend?

A: Yes, you must complete the 6-hour online handgun training pre-requisite course before attending. If possible, it is recommended that you take the Advanced Handgun Instructor course first.

Q: Is it a requirement to attend Advanced Handgun Instructor training first?

A: No, but it is preferred whenever possible based on course dates and locations.

Q: The information says these courses are certification courses. Who is the certifying entity?

A: Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School is the certifying body. The National Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School Firearms Training Board is responsible for setting the specific standards for each course. These standards far exceed any state or federal standards for qualification.

Q: Are D.R.A.W. School Advanced Firearms Instructor courses agency approved?

A: Per DCJS, each department head sending officers to the D.R.A.W. School Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course may approve the training for the specific type and number of hours needed. Additional training hours can be approved by DCJA by submitting the proper form.

Q: How physically demanding are these courses?

A: These courses are physically demanding at times. There is a lot of repetitious movement involving speed and agility. There are several 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, DCJS has fully reviewed the course curriculum and training standards established for the course. Fairfax County Police Department has graciously agreed to host this properly vetted course at their facilities.

Q: How difficult is the patrol rifle qualification course of fire for candidates?

A: The course of fire is representative of the course. The qualification requires a 93% minimum score. All 50 rifle and 10 handgun rounds must be on the silhouette of the target. All subsequent renewal qualifications will be performed through state or local agencies.



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

Monday- 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 Module 2 Live-Fire Exercises
Tuesday- 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
Wednesday- Day 3	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class
0800-0900	DRAW Module 5- Mastering Incapacitated Shooting
0900-1100	DRAW Module 5 Practical Exercises
1100-1200	Safety Briefing and DRAW Module 5 Live-Fire Exercises
1200-1300	Lunch Break
1300-1630	Instructor Candidate Live-Fire Qualifications
1630-Until*	Instructor Graduation

*The D.R.A.W. School Patrol Rifle Instructor course is a *minimum* of 30-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.



D.R.A.W. School Instructor Training Course

Instructor Candidate Registration Application

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INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED, * = MANDATORY FIELD

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025		
*Indicate below the course that you would like to attend: Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor Course (Dec. 8-10, 2025)- \$579.00		
INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE)		
*Name: (*Last)	(*First)	(*Middle)
*Agency Name:		*Agency Phone:
*Agency Mailing Address:		
*City:	*State:	*Zip:
*Agency Email:		*Applicant Rank:
*Pers. Email (i.e. Gmail):		*Mobile:
*Supervisor Rank/Name:		*Supv. Phone:
*Do you have any physical limitations or medical conditions? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please list:		
PAYMENT INFORMATION (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX)		
*Amount: \$ _____ *Method of Payment: Credit/Debit ☐ Purchase Order ☐ Purchase Order # _____ <i>*If paying via check for a purchase order, please scan and email the application with supporting documents to email address below FIRST. An invoice will be generated and sent to pay by check.</i>		
*Credit/Debit: VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐		
Card Name:		Personal ☐ Agency ☐
Card Number:	Exp. Date:	CVV:
Billing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
FIREARM & HOLSTER INFORMATION		
*Handgun Make/Model:		*Caliber:
*Rifle Make/Model:		*Caliber:
*Duty Holster Type:		*Retention Level:
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST		
The following supporting documentation must be submitted with your completed application: *Agency Credentials (Photo ID) ☐ *Agency Letter ☐		
Scan and send application and supporting documents to JSpeller@DrawTraining.com Address: Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School LLC P.O. Box 1768 York, SC 29745		

I certify that I am a sworn law enforcement officer and/or affiliated instructor and thereby eligible to attend the D.R.A.W. School Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course. I am submitting current, non-expired documentation of my credentials as confirmation thereof. **I have read and understand all requirements and policies to attend and complete this training.** I further understand the refund policy for this course. I understand that I am responsible for travel, lodging, meals, ammunition and other related expenses for this course. All information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

*Signature: _____ *Date: _____