



Advanced Firearms Instructor Training

Course Information and Application Packet

Advanced Handgun Instructor- October 6-10, 2025

Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor- October 15-17, 2025

“From Basic to Advanced, All in One Course”

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LAW ENFORCEMENT D.R.A.W. SCHOOL

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, ammunition shortages, budget cuts and other issues, many departments struggle to regularly train their officers **past the minimum levels** required by state standards. 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 training results**. D.R.A.W. School is a nationally recognized firearms training and instructor development program and is POST-certified in various states. It has also been granted full certification equivalency in certain states. It has been taught to instructors in over 40 states and is widely recognized as the most up-to-date law enforcement firearms instructor training program available today.



The introduction of the **D.R.A.W. School Online Training System**, an LMS-based, self-paced online firearms training course, changed 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 in an in-depth manner. 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 Firearms 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 situations**. 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 professional police associations.

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

The **D.R.A.W. School Advanced Handgun Instructor Training** course is a 5-day, 46-hour advanced instructor development and certification course designed to provide law enforcement instructors with the basic and advanced shooting skills, instructional ability, training, and knowledge required to teach basic and advanced shooting and handgun skills 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.



The **D.R.A.W. School Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor Training** course is a 3-day, 36-hour advanced instructor development and certification course. It provides instructors with an enhanced ability to train officers in both basic and advanced skills to master the complexity of their patrol rifle, even in the most demanding or hostile environments. With many departments now utilizing patrol rifles, instructors must be able to train their officers in a highly 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 TRAINING: All instructor candidates attending either the **Advanced Handgun Instructor** course or the **Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor** course must complete the 6-hour online handgun training prerequisite training course. This online course covers in depth scientific information and body mechanics that are not repeated in the classroom portion of the training. All instructor candidates are required to complete the online training before attending in-person training.



"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, these five days of D.R.A.W. School have been the best and most productive of the lot."

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



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 methodology. Each step in the training process answers the “why” behind the method. 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 in the classroom and on the range utilizing 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 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** below for a detailed list of course activities by day and time.

“D.R.A.W. School opened my eyes to how outdated the training I received and continue 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 THE COURSES?

The D.R.A.W. School Instructor Training courses are strictly for sworn law enforcement and affiliated personnel only. Each applicant’s employment and position will be verified to maintain strict attendance requirements. Candidates DO NOT have to be a currently certified handgun or patrol rifle instructor to attend these courses, however, should have some level of basic instructor development training. 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



"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 & REGISTRATION PROCESS

To attend the northern Alabama **Advanced Handgun Instructor** and/or **Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor** course, **the application at the end of this packet must be typed out in its entirety and returned to D.R.A.W. School via email.** All mandatory fields must be filled in. **Applications must be submitted along with any required supporting documentation by the application deadline, Monday, September 22, 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 Handgun Instructor** course is **\$679.00 per person** and the fee for the **Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor** course is **\$579.00 per person.** If an applicant is attending BOTH courses, a **discounted combined course fee of \$1,159.00 per person will apply (see application course selection).** **Payment type and information must be provided on the application when it is submitted.** Payments made via credit card will be charged upon approval of the application and receipts will be sent via email. **If a department wishes to pay with a purchase order, that information must be filled in on the application.** **Seating for both courses 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 \$299.00 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 and will be placed on a waiting list.

"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 the following:

- **Tactical pants with cargo pockets that can hold ammunition**
- **Tactical shirts, sun shirts or long sleeve shirts conducive for weather**
- Avoid wearing black or dark colored clothing in warmer months

Clothing will become dirty throughout various parts of the course and during range training exercises, so we do not recommend wearing clothes that instructor candidates do not wish to get dirty or possibly damaged. **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.** Choose appropriate clothing based on the forecast. Some range activities will be for an extended time. If you plan to wear short-sleeved shirts on the range, we recommend that you apply sunscreen before going outside or wear a lightweight sun shirt. It is highly 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.**

"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. **A Level II or Level III duty holster is 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.	Concealable body armor, outer carrier or tactical kit is REQUIRED	
5.	Duty flashlight with holster on duty belt/rig	
6.	Knee pads are recommended (but not required) for ground operations	
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.	750 rounds minimum of target ammunition	
11.	10 handgun caliber dummy rounds (metal casing type preferred)	
12.	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 in case of primary 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.	Full duty belt or tactical rig with secured Level II or Level III duty holster. Duty holster must be worn on a duty/tactical belt.	
4.	Minimum of three (3) rifle magazines with mag carrier (pouches must be attached to outer carrier, tactical kit, battle belt, etc.)	
5.	Concealable body armor, outer carrier or tactical kit is REQUIRED	
6.	Knee pads are recommended (but not required) for ground operations	
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.	750 rounds of rifle & 150 rounds of handgun target ammunition	
11.	10 patrol rifle caliber dummy rounds (metal casing type preferred)	
12.	Rifle cleaning kit	

Full packing lists are available for download through the online Instructor Portal once an applicant has been approved and registered for class.

“I have been an instructor going on 24 years and this is the best firearms training course I have been to. Bringing the science of D.R.A.W. School to what and how we do things was a real eye opener!”

- Cpl. P. Bonanno, San Diego County Sheriff's Dept. (CA)



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 will NOT disqualify an applicant from attending. It is highly recommended that instructor candidates refrain from consuming beverages that tend to cause dehydration (i.e. 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

These advanced instructor courses will be held at the **Madison County Sheriff's Office Training Center** and **Madison County Range Facility** located at **100 Boeing Blvd. SW, Huntsville, Alabama**. The **Madison County Sheriff's Office** POC is **Dep. Shanna Young** at **256-932-4161**. 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(s) they will be attending.
- **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/or RifleBlok safety and training devices.
- **Updates-** Any course information updates instructor candidates need.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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

A: Yes, both courses start with basic-level instructor training and progress through advanced-level instructor training in the same course.

Q: Can I take the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course by itself?

A: Yes, however, 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: If I attend the Advanced Handgun Instructor course can I take the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course as soon as it is offered again?

A: Yes, there is no waiting period before attending Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor.

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.

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

A: Per APOSTC, each department head sending officers to the D.R.A.W. School courses may approve the training for the specific number of hours for each course.

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, APOSTC and Madison County Sheriff’s Office have reviewed the course curriculum and training standards established for each course. Madison County Sheriff’s Office has graciously agreed to host these vetted courses at their facilities.

Q: How difficult is the qualification course of fire?

A: The course of fire is representative of the training instructor candidates will go through. Both handgun and patrol rifle courses of fire require a 93% minimum score, and all 50 rounds MUST be on the silhouette of a B-27 target.

Q: Is there a written test with this course?

A: Yes, there is a 40-question True/False/Multiple Choice test at the end of the Advanced Handgun Instructor course. Instructor candidates must score 70% or higher to pass.



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

Monday- Day 1	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Training Center)
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
1300-1700	DRAW Module 1- Mastering the Basics
Tuesday- Day 2	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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
Wednesday- Day 3	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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
Thursday- Day 4	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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
Friday- Day 5	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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

Wednesday- Day 1	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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
Thursday- Day 2	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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
Friday- Day 3	
0730-0800	Instructor Candidates Arrive for Class (MCSO Range Training Facility)
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
1300-1600	Instructor Candidate Live-Fire Qualifications
1600-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
Hosted by Madison County Sheriff's Office

INFORMATION MUST BE TYPED, * MANDATORY FIELD

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025		
*Indicate below the course that you would like to attend: ___ Advanced Handgun Instructor Course- \$679.00 ___ Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor Course- \$579.00 ___ Adv. Handgun & Patrol Rifle Instructor Course- \$1,159.00		
INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE)		
Name: (*Last) _____		(*First) _____
(*Middle) _____		
*Agency Name: _____		*Agency Phone: _____
*Agency Mailing Address: _____		
*City: _____	*State: _____	*Zip: _____
*Applicant Agency Email: _____		*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: Check/Money Order* ☐ Credit/Debit ☐ Purchase Order ☐ Purchase Order # _____ <i>*If paying via check or money order, please scan and email check along with entire application with supporting documents to email address FIRST and then mail original to address below.</i>		
Credit/Debit: VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐		
Card Name: _____		Personal ☐ Agency ☐
Card Number: _____	Exp. Date: _____	CVV: _____
Billing Address: _____		
City: _____	State: _____	Zip: _____
FIREARM, HOLSTER AND AMMUNITION 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@FenixTraining.com Mailing Address: Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School P.O. Box 1768 York, SC 29745		

I certify that I am a sworn law enforcement officer, instructor or affiliated directly when a law enforcement agency providing training, and thereby eligible to attend the D.R.A.W. School Advanced Firearms Instructor Training course(s). 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(s). 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: _____