Advanced Firearms Instructor Training

Course Information Packet

Advanced Handgun Instructor- April 26-30, 2027

Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor- May 11-14, 2027

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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 implementing 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 training standards.

PREREQUISITE: All instructor candidates attending either course must complete the 6-hour online training prerequisite training course.

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 with 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'. This course was deep! 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 on the website must be filled out and emailed as directed. The application is a PDF fillable document and can be e-signed online** (handwritten applications will not be accepted). Applications must be submitted along with any required supporting documentation by the final application deadline, **Friday, April 9, 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 & FINAL DEADLINE
Advanced Handgun Instructor ONLY	**$729.00** Friday, March 12, 2027	**$779.00** Friday, April 9, 2027
Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor ONLY	**$629.00** Friday, March 12, 2027	**$679.00** Friday, April 9, 2027
Adv. Handgun & Patrol Rifle Instructor	**$1,258.00** Friday, March 12, 2027	**$1,358.00** Friday, April 9, 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.

REFUND/CANCELATION POLICY- 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 an instructor candidate has a verified illness and cannot attend, or if for any reason the course is canceled or postponed, registrations may be rolled over to the next available course of the applicant's choice as long as seating is available.

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 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.

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 certain 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

"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)



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 patrol 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.	Body armor, outer carrier or tactical armor 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 of 750 rounds 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

Range Facility: The Advanced Firearms Instructor courses will be held at the **NCSBI Samarcand Training Academy** located at **3600 Samarcand Road, Jackson Springs, NC 27281.** Classroom and range locations will be provided to candidates on a facilities map.

Accommodations and Meals: All candidates that are sworn NC law enforcement officers may stay and eat for **FREE** on campus. All candidates that are from outside NC may stay on campus for **$51.50 per day**, which includes three meals per day. A link will be provided to all approved candidates to book their accommodations.

Points of Contact: The Samarcand Training Academy POC is **Training Coordinator Scott Hall** at **910-725-8657.** 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 a password for the **D.R.A.W. School Online Instructor Portal.** The invitation for the Instructor Portal is an automated email, which some agency IT Departments may block due to the external link. Therefore, this invitation is sent to the instructor candidate's **personal email address**, NOT their agency email address. Each candidate MUST provide their personal email address on their application. Once the instructor portal account has been created, the instructor candidate will have access to all information that is needed for the course and online prerequisite training.

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 designed for all officers and instructors.

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. Handgun shooting segments are a part of the final course qualification.

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: Who is the certifying entity for the Advanced Patrol Rifle Instructor course?
A: Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School is the certifying body. The National Law Enforcement D.R.A.W. School Firearms Training Board sets the specific standards for the course. ***Samarcand will upload this course to each NC officers' ACADIS file.***

Q: Are D.R.A.W. School Advanced Firearms Instructor courses agency approved?
A: Yes, 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 by submitting the proper forms to the state. D.R.A.W. School sends its rosters directly to Samarcand for entry into the state's system. South Carolina officers will receive full PRI equivalency.

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 repeatedly. 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, NCSBI Samarcand Training Academy has fully reviewed the course curriculum and training standards established for the course. After proper vetting, Samarcand has graciously agreed to host this 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 itself. The qualification requires a 93% minimum score. All 50 rifle and 10 handgun rounds must be on the silhouette of the target. Those candidates that pass the firearms qualification will then be required to take a 50-question written test that requires a minimum 70% score to pass. Candidates will receive an overview of the course of fire on the first day of class.

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.