SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

NRA Law Enforcement
TACTICAL SHOTGUN
Instructor Development School

School Starts at 7:30 a.m. on Monday in Classroom located at:

WCCC Public Safety Training Center
65 Public Safety Drive
Smithton, PA 15479

October 12-16, 2015 • Monday-Friday

HOSTED BY
Westmoreland County Community College
Youngwood, PA
(724) 925-4298 • Franklin Newill

➢ Tuition is $595 payable to NRA prior to week of school (ck, mo, cc, or po#).
➢ Range Fee is $35 payable to W.C.C.C. at school (ck, mo, or cash).

NRA Law Enforcement TACTICAL SHOTGUN Instructor Certification
Is Applied for Upon Successful Completion of School and Tuition Paid.

Send Application, copy of LE Officer or Armed Guard photo ID, and $595 tuition payment to:

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
Law Enforcement Division
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
Phone: (703) 267-1638  -  Fax: (703) 267-3834
http://le.nra.org  -  ebuchanan@nrahq.org

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NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor Development Schools develop and enhance both instructor skills and firearm handling skills of all students so they can effectively teach their officers to win lethal encounters. These schools are intended for public and private law enforcement officers and military personnel who are currently assigned, or about to be assigned, duties as law enforcement firearm instructors.

The curriculum is designed to prepare students to develop and conduct safe, effective, reality-based and agency-related firearm training. Classroom instruction and practical exercises on the range provide a model for students to use in building their own agency programs. In addition, the school will enhance each student's firearm knowledge and handling skills. All classes and range exercises are conducted at the instructor level, with students conducting many of the range exercises to gain experience. Students are exposed to a wide variety of shooting techniques, training methods, and tactical philosophies, which allows them to choose what best serves their students.

Each of our Instructor Development Schools consists of a minimum of forty-four (44) contact hours during a five (5) day school. “Contact hours” refers to actual instructional time in the classroom and on the range, and does not include travel time between the lodging and training site, meal times, or range clean-up. Classes will be conducted from approximately 0800 to 1800 hours, Monday through Friday, plus one late night, (two late nights in the Tactical Shooting Instructor), to accommodate reduced light shooting. 100% attendance and participation is MANDATORY for successful school completion. Students must demonstrate teaching and shooting proficiency and pass a written examination in all of the schools.

INSTRUCTOR SCHOOL DISCIPLINE

Tactical Shotgun Instructor – The shotgun is one of the most underutilized tools available to officers because their training has failed to instill confidence in their abilities and eliminate the hesitation they have towards firing the shotgun. This school begins with a focus on the fundamentals of the law enforcement pump-action and semi-automatic shotguns, ammunition considerations, combat firing techniques, and the shotgun as a multi-purpose launching platform. Utilizing the law enforcement shotgun as a less-lethal delivery platform is also taught in the classroom and on the range with the students receiving a separate manufacturers “Less Lethal Instructor” certification. Advanced range work includes moving targets, firing on the move, multiple threats, decision-making, select loading, speed reloading techniques, transitioning to handgun, one-hand malfunction clearing, identifying threats and firing in reduced light conditions. Students groups will design a tactical course of fire, develop a lesson plan and run fellow students through their course at the end of the week.

Tuition – Tuition for each Instructor Development School is $595 per student, payable by check, credit card, or purchase order to the NRA prior to the school. In addition, the hosting agency may charge a “range fee” to cover cardboard, staples, coffee, snacks and other out-of-pocket expenses, payable directly to the host on site. Range fees vary from $25-$50.

Note: Tuition may be tax deductible for education expenses – U.S. Citizens: Treasury Regulation 1.162.5 permits an income tax deduction for educational expenses (registration fees, cost of travel, meals and lodging) undertaken to maintain or improve skills required for one's employment or other trade or business.
STUDENT PREREQUISITES

Students must first meet the eligibility requirements below before attending any of our schools. In addition, students must have a good working knowledge of the firearms used and the capability to safely and accurately operate them prior to attending any NRA school. Without this basic background, students will find it difficult to keep pace with the instruction, practical exercises, and successfully complete the proficiency assessments. Students who are not able to demonstrate proficiency in the operation of their firearms or who commit unsafe acts will be dropped from the school.

ADDITIONAL PREREQUISITES

Tactical Shotgun – Officers must have successfully completed a recognized law enforcement firearm instructor school that included “general methods of instruction” prior to attending these schools. These are advanced tactical shooting schools, and are not to be considered basic shooting or methods of firearm instruction schools.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Certain eligibility requirements must be met PRIOR to attending any NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor school. Application to attend must be made on the proper forms to NRA headquarters and confirmation to attend received prior to arriving at schools. NRA Membership is NOT REQUIRED to attend any NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor School. You must be:

1. A public law enforcement officer, vested with powers of arrest, required to carry a firearm in the furtherance of their duties, working for any federal, state, county or municipal agency having a minimum of 3 years of law enforcement related experience. These may include but are not limited to officers, deputy sheriffs, agents, investigators, troopers, park rangers, land & natural resource officers, animal wardens, tribal police, correctional officers, railroad police, etc…

2. A private law enforcement officer, licensed, authorized and required to carry a firearm in the furtherance of their duties working for a licensed security agency, company or corporation having a minimum of 3 years of law enforcement/security related experience. These may include but not be limited to private corrections, nuclear security, private investigators, bank and/or armored car guards, personal protection personnel, etc…

3. A retired or previously employed law enforcement officer who HAD arrest powers, has NO criminal convictions, may lawfully possess a firearm, has remained active in law enforcement training, and has a minimum of 3 years of law enforcement related experience.

4. A current member of the United States military, active duty or reserve, applying to attend under written orders from their command, or applying with a letter of request from the commanding officer or a senior NCO of their unit.

Any other individuals who believe they may qualify or have a specific articulated need for this training, but who do not meet the specific criteria listed above may make application to attend by submitting written documentation addressing their special circumstances. These applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

At the completion of all NRA Law Enforcement Firearm Instructor Schools, a course completion certificate shall be issued. Certification, good for 3-years, may be applied for immediately upon successful completion of each school and when the following requirements are met:

1. An Application for Certification must be completed and submitted to the NRA’s Law Enforcement Activities Division within 12-months of the completion of school. (Certification is free if applied for within 30 days of completing their school. Thereafter it is $30.).

2. The person applying for certification must be an NRA member. (NRA membership must be maintained in order for the certification to remain valid). Law Enforcement personnel may apply for and receive NRA membership through an exclusive offer of only $20/year through the NRA’s Law Enforcement Activities Division.

3. Agency membership enrollment for private security agencies is a pre-condition for all private security officers to certify with the NRA. Agency enrollment is $95/3-years and has its own unique benefits.

4. Agency enrollment is available for both public and private law enforcement agencies. Agency membership permits the agency to submit all firearm lesson plans and course of fire to the NRA’s Law Enforcement Activities Division for review and approval. All lesson plans and courses of fire are kept confidential and on file at the NRA’s Law Enforcement Activities Division for a period of 3 years.
**STUDENT EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The following is a list of required equipment necessary for **ALL schools**. (See Additional Equipment Requirements section below for additional school specific equipment requirements):

1. **Duty Handgun** – A law enforcement duty-type handgun.

2. **Magazines or Speedloaders** – If using a semi-automatic, bring a minimum of 4 magazines (5 if round capacity is less than 10). If using a revolver, bring a minimum of 5 speed loaders.

3. **Holster, Belt, ammo Pouches** – The holster must be duty-type (patrol), strong-side directional draw, equipped with a handgun retention device and securely fastened to the gun belt.

4. **Eye and Ear Protection, Cap** – Student must wear “wraparound” or “side panel” safety glasses. Prescription glasses may be used if shatterproof and equipped with side shields. Ear plugs or ear muffs (preferred) and a cap with a bill to deflect ejected brass must also be worn.

5. **Knee and Elbow Pads** – Knee and elbow pads are optional for kneeling and prone position shooting.

6. **Appropriate Clothing** – Students should bring appropriate clothing to participate in the range exercises consistent with prevailing weather conditions. Range exercises will be conducted in inclement weather unless a safety hazard exists.

7. **Duty Flashlight** – Law enforcement hand-held duty flashlight capable of one-hand operation.

8. **Notebook and Marker** – A small pocket spiral notebook, pen or pencil, and a jumbo permanent marker.

9. **Cleaning Equipment** – Bring cleaning equipment for your firearms.

These are law enforcement instructor schools. ONLY law enforcement duty-type firearms and equipment are acceptable. Do **not** bring competition guns or equipment. If you are doubtful about what equipment is acceptable, contact the NRA at 703-267-1638 or ebuchanan@nraHQ.org.

**ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In addition to the above listed equipment, students will need to bring the below listed equipment specific to the school in which they are attending:

- **Tactical Shotgun Instructor School:**
  - **Shotgun** - A law enforcement duty-type, 12-gauge pump or semi-automatic shotgun with sling.
  - **Ammunition, (Shotgun)** - 100 slugs, 100 buckshot, 500 birdshot (#7½ or #8).
  - **Ammunition, (Handgun)** - 100 rounds.
CURRICULUM

OUR CURRICULUM is designed to help the law enforcement Tactical Shotgun instructor develop, prepare, and conduct a safe, effective, reality-based and agency-related/appropriate tactical shotgun training program, both in the classroom and on the range. This is NOT a basic handling or shooting school. All classes and range exercises will be conducted at the instructor level, and the students will be expected to conduct many of the range exercises.

CLASSROOM - Approximately 22 contact hours will be spent in the classroom. Subjects will include, but not be limited to:

* Teaching the Fundamentals of Shotgun Marksmanship
* Teaching Shotgun Shooting Positions
* Content and Development of an Agency Shotgun Training Program
* Teaching Shotgun Handling Skills (Load, Unload, Reload, Malfunctions, Etc.)
* Coaching and Partner Techniques, and Effective Range Instruction Techniques
* Teaching Less-Lethal Issues
* Introduction to Shotgun Accessories
* Teaching Tactical Use of Cover and Concealment
* Teaching and Conducting Shooting Under Dim Light Conditions
* Developing and Conducting Practical Range Training

RANGE - Approximately 22 contact hours will be spent on the range. Subjects will include, but not be limited to:

* Instructional Coaching Exercises
* Shotgun Shooting Positions
* Teaching Shotgun Marksmanship
* Load and Unload Procedures
* Reloads and Malfunctions
* Shotgun Shooting Positions
* Buckshot Patterning
* Less-Lethal Exercises
* Flash Sight Firing
* Shooting on the Move
* Engagement of Multiple Threats
* Transition and Incapacitation Techniques
* Shooting Under Adverse Light Conditions
* Tactical Use of Cover and Concealment
* Decision Making and Problem Solving
* Moving Targets Exercises

Student Instructor Range Presentations: Working in teams, the student instructors will prepare practical shotgun range exercises. These exercises will be presented on the last day and will be evaluated at the instructor level by the NRA Training Team and the remainder of the class.
LODGING

These are a few nearby hotels/motels and not necessarily a complete list.
For other available lodging, we suggest you search the Internet.
Confirm current rate when making reservations as it is subject to change, tax additional.

Budget Inn
843 Finley Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-7010
www.budgetinn.com

Fairfield Inn and Suites
107 Bair Blvd
New Stanton, PA 15697
(724) 755-0800
www.marriott.com/fairfield-inn

Comfort Inn
4300 State Rt-51
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-3177
www.choicehotels.com/comfort-inn