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CO POST Approved Handgun Instructor Program

Course General Learning Goals

The Handgun Instructor Program is a 40-hour POST approved program. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will be authorized to instruct firearms training in POST approved academies as well as conducting agency approved firearms training.

This is not a shooting course to improve your overall shooting skills. This is an instructor methodology course designed to provide you with the skills and knowledge to instruct firearms. All live-fire and practical exercises are tools to evaluate your ability to instruct, coach, and conduct a course of fire.

Prerequisite

POST currently requires that all students must qualify on the POST firearms qualification course on the first day of class with a 100% score. Students will be given two formal attempts to qualify per POST rules. Failure to qualify will result in dismissal from the Handgun Instructor Program. It is strongly suggested that students practice this course prior to the class.

Course Outline

This course will address the following topics.

- Firearms Safety
- POST Requirements
- Training Aid Information
- Nomenclature/Functioning and Maintaining of LE Handguns
- Shooting Fundamentals
- Tactical Situations
- Decisional Shooting
- Dim Light Shooting
- Off Duty/Plain Cloths Requirements
- Training Liability
- Course of Fire Development
- Coaching the Shooter

Equipment Requirements

- Duty handgun with (3) Magazines
- Approximately 600 Rounds of Handgun Ammunition
- 6 Fluorescent Inert Dummy Rounds
- Duty Belt, Holster and Handheld Flashlight
- Eye and Ear Protection / Ballistic Vest (Soft Armor)
- Note Taking Material
- Appropriate Clothing for Weather Conditions
- Accessory Considerations (Small Pack, Sunscreen etc)



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Class Schedule

40 Hours / 5 Days

Day 1: 0800-1700 Hours Day 2: 0800-1700 Hours Day 3: 0800-2200 Hours Day 4: 0800-1700 Hours Day 5: 0800-1200 Hours

Instructor

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Mark served in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division, and recently retired from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) after 20 years of service. During that tenure, he has been a member of the EPSO Special Response Team (SRT) as well as the EPSO SWAT Team, coordinating firearms training for both units. Mark has been a Colorado POST Full Skills Firearms Instructor for 19 years, teaching basic and advanced handgun, shotgun, carbine / rifle, Designated Marksman and Red Dot User and Instructor level courses. During that time, Mark has held the position of Range Master for the EPSO and is currently the Range Master for the Pikes Peak State College Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Mark successfully implemented the red dot sight system in the EPSO, making it the first large agency in Colorado to issue red dot sight equipped handguns to all employees. Mark is a current member of the Colorado POST Firearms SME Committee. Additionally, Mark teaches Colorado POST Handgun Instructor courses for County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC).