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North Carolina Private Protective Services (PPS) Firearms Training Course Outline and Requirements 2- or 3- Day Course (Page 1 of 2)

Because of time-money constraints many Security personnel are asking for a “more hours in less days” solution to the PPS 20 hour (minimum) classroom plus qualification time of the “Firearms Training” rules. IMFs has met this demand by offering a very intense and demanding Two Day Course (Three Days to include shotgun training).

Please, see the requirements immediately following the schedule before attempting this type of intense training. During all aspects of training the students should be dressed in “duty clothing or uniforms”. Students should be prepared to eat meals during training.

Day 1 Schedule 9:00am “until” (usually 13+ hours) Basics, Mechanics, Bio-Mechanics, Techniques, Operations

Modules from the book that do not involve use of force or legal issues are covered: Module II Safety (1 hour); Module III Handgun Operation and Maintenance (Three [+] hours); Module IV Marksmanship Fundamentals (Eight [+] hours). Modules 2-4 account for a minimum of 12 hours of training.

This is all of the training that relates to firearms in general – the “How To” training.

Day 2 Schedule 9:00am “until” (usually 13+ hours) Night/Low-Light Operations, Dry runs of Qualification, Legal, Qualification Attempts

Day Two begins with the “classroom” portion of Module V: Night Firing (Four [+] hours). Techniques are taught and practiced. Usually 2 hours.

Starting at approximately 11:00am Module I: Legal (Four hours). Breaking this up this way allows for re-certification students to share the same class with first-time students.

As close to 3:00pm as possible we go to the range. Some “at the range” time counts as “classroom time”. As soon as possible we “clock out” and do any practice needed and then Day Qualifications.

If time permits, an afternoon/evening meal break will be taken. As soon as the light drops enough we finish the last two hours of Module V: Night Firing training. Once that is finished we begin Night Qualifications.

If any “classroom contact” hours cannot be accounted for, we must return to the classroom on Day 3.

Day 3 Schedule 9:00am “until” (usually 5+ hours) Shotgun and Make-Up Hours

Day Three consists of Module VI: Shotgun Operation (4 hours) and/or any make-up hours from Days One and Two. Recertification students only need to attend from 12:00pm-1:00pm. Make-up hours occur after Shotgun Qualification.

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Student Requirements and Recommendations

Students must have and utilize their duty equipment during all training. This includes, but is not limited to: on-duty clothing or uniforms including belts and hats/caps; duty guns and holsters (and accessories, magazine pouches, at least two extra magazines, etc.); duty flashlights. Students cannot “train and qualify” with one set of equipment and then go “on the job” with another. Manufacturer, model and serial number of each gun is turned in with the final paperwork.

DO NOT bring any LIVE AMMUNITION to the classroom.

All fees MUST be paid in advance. IMFs does not “bill later” or offer a credit plan.

On Day 2 students MUST have AT LEAST 400 rounds of “Duty Ammunition” (or ballistic equivalent) for each gun they intend to qualify with. This is “only enough” ammunition for three day and night qualification attempts, and some practice and/or live-fire training. Running out of ammunition – for any reason – is not an excuse from a “Did Not Qualify” result of this training.

Students should bring at least 20 rounds of 00-Buck and 20 rounds of Slugs for shotgun qualification.

Students should bring all necessary note keeping supplies. Course costs for new students (not re-certification students) include the “Private Protective Services Firearms Training Manual – STUDENT” book.

Students MUST be physically and mentally capable of long hours with a great deal of physical activity. Throughout the training we will do a lot of stance/position transitions, drills (draw, load/unload, malfunction) and “dry runs” of the Qualification Courses of Fire. There is no “physical disability” language in the PPS rules: Students MUST be able to transition from standing to kneeling, kneeling to standing, standing to prone and prone to standing without assistance.

Students should bring any meals, drinks and/or snacks that they require to endure a 12-13 (or more) hour work/training day. Breaks are given every hour.

Students should take advantage of any time before they start class to familiarize themselves with their holsters and firearms. They absolutely should learn the “Four Rules of Gun Safety” before it is taught here. Students should have a good comprehension of the “Basic Security” duties and responsibilities, especially the legalities and use of force.

Reference / Reading / Legal Links

12 NCAC 07D .0807 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMED SECURITY GUARDS : pdf : <http://goo.gl/4sFlkD>

North Carolina “Private Protective Services Act” :

http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/enactedlegislation/statutes/html/bychapter/chapter_74c.html

NC PPS Board (PPSB) Web : <https://www.ncdps.gov/Index2.cfm?a=000003,003034>