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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.

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

Day 1 Schedule 8:00am “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. To lessen the classroom hours on day 2, at least two hours of Module V: Night Firing (Four [+] hours) will be attempted on day 1.

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

Day 2 Schedule 8:00am “until” (usually 13+ hours) Night/Low-Light Operations, Dry runs of Qualification, Legal, Qualification Attempts

Day Two begins with any Module V: Night Firing (Four [+] hours) hours not completed on day 1.

Starting at approximately 10:00am Module I: Legal (Four hours). Breaking this up this way allows for re-certification participants to share the same class with first-time participants.

As close to 2:00pm 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 Day Qualification attempts.

If time permits, an afternoon/evening meal break will be taken. As soon as the light drops enough we begin Night Qualification attempts.

Day 3 Schedule 9:00am “until” (usually 5+ hours) Shotgun

Day Three consists of Module VI: Shotgun Operation (4 hours). Recertification students only need to attend from 12:00pm-1:00pm. PM: Shotgun Qualification. The third day can also be used to make up any of the required 20 hours.

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Participant Requirements and Recommendations

Participants 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. Participants 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 participants **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.

Participants should bring at least 20 rounds of 00-Buck and 20 rounds of slugs for shotgun qualification.

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

Participants 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: Participants MUST be able to transition from standing to kneeling, kneeling to standing, standing to prone and prone to standing without assistance.

Participants 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.

Participants 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 : <https://bit.ly/2Ku0jOI>

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>