

# Handgun Course Welcome Letter as of 5/10

This course is designed to be a basic first time experience for learning how to use a handgun for self defense. The program can qualify for New Mexico and other states concealed carry permits. The program is used for security level III handgun licensing, also. This is an excellent training program. In order to maximize its effectiveness it is important to be prepared for it. Make sure two weeks before you obtain and identify your firearms and equipment.

If you or your group has not paid seven days prior to the program make sure that you do so to guarantee your reservation in the program. **Participants paying outside two weeks save on the tuition cost.** Without a paid reservation prior seats and preparations for the program may not be available.

The primary location for Albuquerque classes will be at 2403 San Mateo, Suite P-9. Be aware there are secondary locations for the classroom and range, so please check a week prior by phone call for certain where the class will be held and times. Recertification training may be adjusted for weather and season so check for starting location and times.

Classroom training on the first day will begin at 8 am unless otherwise notified. Lunch time will last from 12 to 2 pm; the longer lunch period on the first day is for conducting a mandatory working lunch exercise at a local restaurant. The completion of the first day is approximately 5 pm. The second day of the program may finish at 6 pm or later. Please do not schedule any activities/ work on the evenings before or after the program. Your full attention to the program is needed to ensure the safest program for all participants.

## Safety Information

It is extremely important that no guns be handled when arriving at the classroom or at the range. On arrival each day all firearms will be in a gun case. All guns must be unloaded and ammunition separated and boxed until instructions are given from the chief instructor. No ammunition will ever be allowed/ brought in the classroom.

All participants should remember the primary rule in using a tool or firearm use; "If you do not know how to handle it, don't touch it". When handling a firearm "Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded." In the classroom or in the ready area at the range keep your action open and use a non firing grip to avoid a possibility of having an accident. Keep your firearm pointed away from others and yourself. A gunsmith inspection is highly recommended of your firearms before attending the program. If you are new to firearms limit you're handling prior to the class to avoid accidents. Negligent discharging of a firearm, menacing conduct (like horse play or threatening behavior), being under the influence of any drugs (prescription drugs also) are criminal offense and can result in legal action and denial of certification.

When arriving at the range please wait in the parking lot to avoid crowding in the range house. Please silence your cell phones at the beginning of class to avoid unsafe distractions.

# Equipment and Course Checklist List *must have items*

*Please bring it to class filled out as your first training exercise.*

\_\_\_\_\_ Consider bringing friends, neighbors and family with prior clearance from the instructor to attend or observe the training –its informative. The more trained and armed people you have around you- the better. Teenagers are welcome to observe the program except for NRA personal protection series programs.

\_\_\_\_\_ At minimum pay tuition reservation seven days prior to the class to save on tuition rate.  
CALL TO VERIFY YOUR RESERVATION THE WEEK BEFORE.

\_\_\_\_\_ One to three handguns. The handgun should be designed as a self defense pistol verses a target pistol. Bring the owner's manual .Using our guns is a good benefit of the program. You do not need to own a gun to attend this program. **Please make prior arrangements for gun use. Note: Ported handguns are not allowed** because of muzzle blast danger at close range shooting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Two magazines for semi automatics or speed loaders for revolvers.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ammunition for self defense 100 rounds for concealed handgun qualification or recertification's. 150 rounds for security officer handgun qualification or recertification's and advanced handgun training. This is per handgun brought to the range. (Might be purchased / provided with prior arrangement). Ammunition in particular needs to be purchased well in advance, preferably two weeks.

\_\_\_\_\_ Matching holsters for concealment or duty carry gear. Holsters must be torso carry- no small of the back , reverse cavalry holsters or horizontal carry cross draw ( muzzle pointing down cross draws are welcome). Don't forget your belt.

\_\_\_\_\_ Cleaning kit- considers purchasing Prolix Gun Cleaning System for self defense applications \$20 at the class. Pencil or pen for checking the bore for obstructions.

\_\_\_\_\_ Base ball cap, eye(sun glasses) and ear protection. Gloves for winter shooting (not optional may be purchases) Loose long sleeve shirt with a high collar- no low cut shirts that hot brass can go down. Sneakers or more sturdy foot wear depending on the weather.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water (avoid caffeine) drink several glasses the night before attending to the range. This greatly improves how you feel and perform during hot weather. Bring cold water to the range- at least two quarts. Some snacks are recommended. Sun block and insect repellent. Consider having a personal first aid kit in your car.

\_\_\_\_\_ Directions/agenda for classroom and range. Tank of gas filled prior to range morning (the city range phone number is 505-836-8785)

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