

**FIREARMS  
40 HOUR COURSE  
GUIDELINES**

Firearms training defined: Weapons training conducted by an approved firearms instructor certified to teach such subjects in accordance with the requirements in the respective Rules & Regulations.

Duration and curriculum: The curriculum will include classroom lectures as outlined in the 40 hour course curriculum minimum topics. Range instruction emphasizes the practical application of weapons related to actual working conditions. The approved firearms instructor will attest to the qualifications and proficiency of the individuals. The individual must qualify with the weapon they will be using. The minimum passing score is 80%. One day and low light shoot shall be completed during this course.

Each 40 hour course shall consist of at least 250 rounds fired.

Depending on the number of individuals being trained, and considering the amount of experience, or lack of experience the training population has with firearms, the training period will vary in time, but will consist of at least, but not limited to, 40 hours.

Non-Qualification: Should an individual initially fail to qualify, that person would be permitted two additional attempts to attain certification. Scheduling for the additional attempts will be conducted at the convenience of the approved firearms instructor. Under no circumstances, will an individual be permitted to carry a firearm, on duty, unless certified as per the requirements of the respective Rules & Regulations.

The individuals shall provide a copy of the 40 hour course certification when they appear at the Professional Licensing Section for licensure.

All ammunition shall be factory fresh. All qualifications are to be completed with authorized/approved weapon.

As authorized by the respective Rules & Regulations, in order to retain certification, all armed, licensed individuals in the State of Delaware must receive recertification in firearms qualifications and proficiency annually. The recertification must be conducted by an approved firearms instructor.

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CURRICULUM  
MINIMUM TOPICS**

**Day 1 & 2 (classroom)**

- Introduction
- Legal Updates/Use of Force
- Safety brief
- Knowledge of handgun
- Ammunition
- Safety of handgun and ammunition
  - Storage
  - Transportation
- Safe firearm handling, muzzle control
- Firearms safety
  - Loading and unloading
  - Educate family members (if weapon is taken home)
- Firearms maintenance
  - How to check a weapon for safe and clear, visually and physically
  - How to field strip weapons
  - Cleaning of weapon, proper lubricant
- Shooting fundamentals
  - Stance
  - Grip
  - Sight alignment
  - Sight picture
  - Trigger control
- Scan and recover techniques
- Malfunctions
  - Failure to feed/Failure to fire
  - Stove pipe
  - Double feed

- Lowered firing positions
  - Barricades
- Range safety equipment
  - Eye and hearing protection
  - Ballistic vest

### **Day 3 – 5 (range)**

- Range rules
- Range operations
  - Malfunctions
  - Stove pipe
  - Double feed
- Quick action response
  - Failure to fire: tap & rack
  - Double feed
    - Tap & rack
    - Slide lock back to rear
    - Remove magazine
    - Rack the slide several times
    - Insert new magazine
    - Rack slide to charge the pistol
- Kneeling position
  - Speed
  - Double
  - Braced
- Shooting on the move
  - Forward
  - Backward
  - Lateral
- Multiple target engagement
  - Looking at the next threat

- Slicing the pie
  - Near and far
- Transition from strong hand to weak hand
  - One handed shooting
  - Reloads with one hand (strong/weak)
- Discussion on low light shooting
- Qualification course of fire
  - Day light
  - Low light
- Review of training
  - Safety
  - Questions