



The SAF Training Division's Defensive Firearms Instructor Course is designed to train the experienced shooter how to present the SAFTD handgun courses to the general public using the SAFTD Methods of Instruction (MOI). This course teaches instructor-candidates about group safety strategies, firing line management, presentation skills, assessment techniques, and best practices in adult-education tailored for the context of personal defense training.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

- Outstanding firearm handling safety skills
- \$1,000,000 of liability insurance coverage
- First aid, CPR, and AED certification
- At least 21 years old
- U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident (with valid immigration card)
- English fluency (written and spoken)
- Must be able to legally possess and carry firearms under federal and state laws

COURSE COMPONENTS

Once instructor-candidates meet the minimum prerequisites to enroll, the full Defensive Handgun Instructor Certification curriculum is offered in four parts over five days of training:

- SAFTD Methods of Instruction (2 Days)
- SAFTD Range Officer Certification (1 Day)
- SAFTD Defensive Handgun 1: Student Level (1 Day)
- SAFTD Defensive Handgun 1: Instructor Level (1 Day)

Interested?

Sign up today! Below is information on the next SAFTD Defensive Firearms Instructor Certification Course:

When: _____

Where: _____

Contact: _____

Day 1 & 2

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION

The Methods of Instruction (MOI) component introduces candidates to the SAFTD teaching standards. This two-day block of training covers effective pedagogy, methods of content delivery and assessment, policies and procedures, professional ethics, public speaking, use of training aids, classroom management, record keeping, and business models of Second Amendment Foundation Training Division. It is designed to ensure that SAFTD courses are taught uniformly across the nation.

Day 3

RANGE OFFICER CERTIFICATION

Range Officer certification is required of all SAFTD instructors. This one-day block of instruction teaches candidates how to safely manage a firing line. Topics include range set-up, range inspection, emergency procedures, range safety rules and briefings, effective rule enforcement, and public interaction. Candidates will be required to demonstrate mastery of these skills through interactive student-teaching and role play.

Day 4

DEFENSIVE HANDGUN: STUDENT

Of course, all instructors are required to have successfully completed the course they are applying to teach. Therefore, all instructor-candidates must first complete Defensive Handgun 1 at the student level before being approved to teach the course. This one-day block of instruction covers basic firearm safety, storage, handgun parts and nomenclature, operation, marksmanship fundamentals, defensive mindset and Cooper's Color Codes, balancing speed and precision, stoppages and malfunctions, cover and concealment, effective presentation from the holster, and much more.

Day 5

DEFENSIVE HANDGUN: INSTRUCTOR

After candidates pass the Defensive Handgun course as a student, this final one-day block of instruction will guide them through the transition from student to teacher. While the MOI block instills the SAFTD's general teaching standards, this block will equip candidates with the specific content and delivery strategies required for Defensive Handgun in particular.