



FIREARMS AND TACTICAL RIFLE INSTRUCTOR

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is an 80-hour instructor course, which is specifically designed to prepare experienced law enforcement personnel to teach firearms courses at the basic and in-service level. Topics include the role of the law enforcement firearms instructor, liability issues, instructor development, lesson plan development, basic marksmanship, shooter problem analysis, standard and non-traditional shooting positions, weapons transition, and tactical movement and cover. **As of December 2018, this course meets the minimum instructor certification requirements to be a POST pistol and rifle instructor.** Successful completions of all portions of the course, including all course work and firearms qualifications, are mandatory to receive certification. Partial certification will not be allowed (i.e., certification for only one of the weapons systems). POST certification 2970-21640. Pass/No Pass.

Upon successful completion of this course, all students will receive 2.5 units and a digital SRPSTC Certificate of Completion. In-service peace officers may also be eligible for CA POST/STC credit, depending on agency requirements.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Effective 11/7/24: for safety purposes neither students nor instructors are allowed to bring or use the Sig Sauer P320 at the JPA range.

1. *Students are strongly encouraged to arrive on time in order to complete the registration process and avoid impeding instructional time. Late students who miss this process will not be allowed to attend the course.*
2. *The Safety Center does not loan out weapons, ammunition, or equipment for this course. Students are expected to bring their agency's duty firearms, equipment, and ammunition. [Please see below \(page 3\) for the comprehensive list of required and recommended items.](#)*
3. *This course assumes the student is proficient in the use of the designated weapons systems, as basic operator skills will not be taught. Students who do not pass the mandatory qualification course for each of the designated weapons systems, conducted on the second day of training, will be unable to continue with the course. [The qualification courses for the pistol and rifle are provided, below \(pages 4-7\).](#)*

COURSE DATES/LOCATIONS

Please click on link below to see current course dates and locations.
<https://srpstc.arc.losrios.edu/reservations/calendarbymonth.asp>

HOURS

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

ENROLLMENT LIMITATION:

Students must be peace officer members of a police department, sheriff's office, marshal's office, the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Justice, or the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and are authorized by their agencies to possess short-barreled rifles within the course and scope of their duties. Additionally, students must have completed a training course in the use of these weapons certified by POST.

Students must 1) Be free of felony convictions; 2) possess a valid California Driver's License; 3) undergo a fingerprint and criminal history check; 4) be a minimum of 18 years of age; 5) be a United States high school graduate; pass the GED, pass the California High School Proficiency Examination, or have attained a two-year or four-year degree from an accredited college or university; and 6) complete a medical suitability examination.

PREREQUISITES:

PSTC 1648 (Firearms Tactical Rifle SSD) and 1683 (Continuing Professional Training for Peace Officers); State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified basic law enforcement academy or equivalent as determined by the Dean of Academy Instruction. NOTE: Approval of equivalent training is not a guarantee that state regulatory or licensing agencies will also grant equivalency.



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**MATERIALS
NEEDED:**

See the following pages for equipment and supplies needed for the class

CREDIT:

Two and one half (2.5) units through [American River College](#)

RESERVATIONS:

To confirm whether there are openings in a class, please call (916) 570-5000 or email srpstc@arc.losrios.edu

Note: We no longer accept TBA / reservations without names

IMPORTANT:

To Register: Everyone must complete a Course Registration Form. Students are also required to complete the mandatory college enrollment process prior to enrolling in class.

2026 TOTAL FEE: \$155.00*

\$115.00 Enrollment fee
\$38.00 Material fee
\$2.00 SRF fee

(No SRF Fee for Summer Courses)

*Students who have not established legal residence in CA are required to pay additional tuition and fees. Payment for non-resident tuition must be paid at the time of registration.

All Fees Subject to Change

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Mandatory College Enrollment Instructions to obtain your Los Rios Student ID# (SID#):

1. Please click on the following link: <https://www.openccapply.net/ccapply-welcome?cccMisCode=231>
2. If you are new to the CCCApply website, please create an account. If you are returning, please log in with your username and password.
3. Once you're done creating an account or signing in, click on "start a new application".
4. When you get to the confirmation page, please save your eight-digit CCCApply confirmation number.
5. Please list your SID # on the Course Registration Form. (link: <https://arc.losrios.edu/academics/sacramento-regional-public-safety-training-center-office/srpstc-course-registration-form>)
6. Contact us at (916) 570-5000 or srpstc@arc.losrios.edu with any questions.

CERTIFICATION:

P.O.S.T. Plan IV #2970-21209



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REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

The following items of equipment and supplies are required of each student in the Firearms Instructor Course:

Firearm	Equipment	Ammunition <i>(No reloads, full metal jacket recommended)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agency duty semi-automatic pistol	<input type="checkbox"/> At least three (3) magazines <input type="checkbox"/> At least two (2) pouches <input type="checkbox"/> Agency approved duty holster <input type="checkbox"/> Agency belt and accessories	<input type="checkbox"/> 1500 rounds <input type="checkbox"/> 10 “dummy” rounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Agency carbine/patrol rifle, zeroed out before the first day of the course	<input type="checkbox"/> At least two (20) 20- or 30-round capacity magazines	<input type="checkbox"/> 800 rounds

- Ballistic protective vest
- Eye and ear protection (including several foam earplugs for use with ear muffs while shooting long guns)
- Clothing suitable for outdoor range (trousers with belt loops, belt and rain gear, if appropriate)
- Baseball cap
- Knee/elbow protection
- Copy of department Use of Force policy
- Clipboard, pen and notebook
- Permanent marker

RECOMMENDED/OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:

- Water bottle
- Sunscreen/ Sun Block
- Beverage Cooler/ Lunch Box, Bag Lunch – due to lack of services near the range.
- Personal laptop computer for lesson plan development
- Folding camp chair



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QUALIFICATION COURSE DETAILS

The following safety and skills assessment courses of fire will be fired on the first day of the range training. **A passing score must be fired in all qualification courses of fire before the student will be allowed to continue the course. No exceptions.** The assessment courses will be fired one time for score.

Visible laser aiming devices will not be allowed during any portion of the firearms qualification courses of fire.

MANIPULATION SKILLS ASSESSMENT

The Manipulation Skills Assessment must be satisfactorily completed utilizing all firearms systems (handgun, rifle/carbine and shotgun).

1. In-battery reload
2. Out-of-battery reload
3. Administrative loading
4. Administrative unloading
5. Field strip and reassembly

PISTOL QUALIFICATION COURSE OF FIRE

1. The Pistol Qualification course of fire will be shot on the IALEFI-Q target (see attached).
2. The course of fire will be scored in two stages. Targets will be scored and replaced between each stage. An overall passing score of 80% (40 out of 50 rounds) is needed to successfully pass the qualification.
3. Rounds must impact within the proper scoring zone to be counted. Rounds impacting on the scoring zone line must break the line completely in order to be counted.
4. Rounds fired after the time limit will be deducted from the overall score.
5. Shooters will be responsible to clear malfunctions during the courses of fire. Additional time may be allowed if a malfunction is encountered by the shooter so long as the shooter attempts to clear the malfunction.
6. Shooters are encouraged to keep their handguns properly loaded to complete each course of fire. If a shooter runs out of ammunition during a course of fire, no additional time will be allotted.

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PISTOL QUALIFICATION COURSE OF FIRE (continued)

Stage 1

1. Only rounds that impact in the “D” scoring zone will be counted.
2. All courses of fire in Stage 1 will be shot from a ready position.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Time</u>
25 yards <i>Shooter will fire 3 rounds standing, 3 rounds kneeling and 3 rounds prone</i>	9 rounds	60 seconds
15 yards <i>Shooter will fire 3 rounds standing</i>	3 rounds	7 seconds
15 yards <i>Shooter will fire 3 rounds standing, support hand-supported</i>	3 rounds	7 seconds
10 yards <i>Shooter will fire 5 rounds standing</i>	5 rounds (10 total)	5 seconds

Repeat the course one time. Score and replace targets.

Stage 2

1. Only rounds that impact in the “C” scoring zone will be counted except for rounds designated for the “head scoring zone”.
2. All courses of fire in Stage 1 will begin with the handgun holstered with all retentions activated unless otherwise directed.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Time</u>
7 yards <i>Shooters will draw and fire 2 rounds in the body and 2 rounds in the head.</i> Repeat one time.	4 rounds (8 total)	7 seconds
7 yards <i>Shooters will begin at the support hand-supported, ready position. Shooters will fire 2 rounds support hand-supported.</i>	2 rounds	4 seconds
5 yards <i>Shooters will draw and fire 3 rounds.</i> Repeat one time.	3 rounds (6 total)	4 seconds
5 yards <i>Shooters will begin at the support hand-supported, ready position. Shooters will fire 2 rounds support hand-supported.</i>	3 rounds	4 seconds
3 yards <i>Shooters will begin with pistol holstered, 1 round chambered and an empty magazine inserted. Shooters will draw and fire 3 rounds, performing a reload as necessary.</i> Repeat one time.	3 rounds (6 total)	6 seconds

Score targets.



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RIFLE QUALIFICATION COURSE OF FIRE

1. The Rifle Qualification course of fire will be shot on the IALEFI-Q target (see attached).
2. An overall passing score of 80% (40 out of 50 rounds) is needed to successfully pass the qualification.
3. Only rounds that impact in the “C” scoring zone will be counted. Rounds impacting on the scoring zone line must break the line completely in order to be counted.
4. Rounds fired after the time limit will be deducted from the overall score.
5. Shooters will be responsible to clear malfunctions during the courses of fire. Additional time may be allowed if a malfunction is encountered by the shooter so long as the shooter attempts to clear the malfunction.
6. When a shooter experiences a malfunction the shooter may choose to transition to their handgun. All handgun rounds fired in response to a malfunction will be scored in lieu of the rifle rounds for the course of fire.
7. Shooters are encouraged to keep their rifles properly loaded to complete each course of fire. If a shooter runs out of ammunition during a course of fire, no additional time will be allotted.

<u>Distance</u>	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Time</u>
50 yards <i>Shooters will begin in the prone position. Shooters will fire 12 rounds from the prone position.</i>	12 rounds	30 seconds
35 yards <i>Shooters will begin in the kneeling position. Shooters will fire 12 rounds from the kneeling position.</i>	12 rounds	15 seconds
25 yards <i>Shooters will start in the standing position. Shooters will fire 3 rounds standing and 3 rounds kneeling.</i>	6 rounds	15 seconds
15 yards <i>Shooters will fire 5 rounds standing, dominant side and 5 rounds standing support side.</i>	10 rounds	15 seconds
5 yards <i>Shooters will fire 3 rounds to the body and 2 rounds to the head.</i> Repeat one time.	5 rounds (10 total)	5 seconds

➤ **Score Targets**



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IALEFI-Q Target

With scoring zones depicted

