



Location: Thornton, CO

Date: March 23-27, 2026

INTEGRATED HANDGUN / RED DOT SIGHT INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

Course Description:

This 44-hour, Colorado POST approved **Integrated Handgun / Red Dot Sight Instructor** course is designed to provide law enforcement officers the necessary skill and knowledge to develop and operate a law enforcement firearms / handgun program for their agency, and or assist teaching handgun skills in a Colorado POST police academy. The student will also obtain the skill and knowledge to instruct the use of red dot sights as a primary sighting instrument for a law enforcement handgun and implement a red dot sight transition program and an in-service training program for their agency. The course curriculum has been reviewed by Colorado POST and meets their requirements for both a Handgun Instructor certification as well as Red Dot Sight Instructor certification.



Requirements:

- Students will be required to pass the Colorado POST Handgun Qualification Course on day one of training using the sighting system of their choice. Failure to pass the qualification will result in removal from the course.
- Students must be a current sworn Law Enforcement Officer.

Course Outline:

Students will learn how to develop and maintain a law enforcement firearms training program, manage, and operate firearms ranges, instruct handgun skills, diagnose shooting errors, and make sustainable corrections in other shooters, and understand issues specific to red dot sights. Students will develop the ability to instruct the following:

- legal and appropriate use of force decisions
- weapons maintenance
- fundamentals of shooting
- “combat” shooting techniques
- use of various positions and cover
- efficient weapons manipulations
- malfunction clearances
- understanding wound ballistics
- tactics and techniques for fighting with the handgun
- extended range shooting
- low light / night techniques.
- Red Dot Sight issues, equipment, and maintenance



Students should expect a fast paced and physically active learning environment that will include running,

kneeling and quickly assuming various unique shooting positions.

Student Must Provide:

- Duty Handgun w 3 magazines (1) (2)
 - Duty belt / holster
 - 1500 rds handgun ammo
 - Laptop Computer (3)
 - Sharpie Marker
 - 5 dummy rounds
 - Hat, electronic ear protection, eye protection (both sunglasses and clear eye pro)
 - Handheld duty flashlight
 - Weapons mounted light (optional)
1. The student will complete specific portions of the training with iron sights and portions with red dot sights. It is required that the student provides either: 1) two duty handguns: one with iron sights, the second with a red dot sight and appropriate holsters for each handgun, or 2) The student may attend the course with a single handgun if it possesses both functional iron sights that can work independently from the red dot sight, and a red dot sight that can be completely shut off.
 2. "Red Dot Sight" is a generic term used to describe any number of non-magnifying electric optical pistol sights, regardless of color or style of aiming reticle.
 3. All class materials will be distributed electronically via Drop Box.

Instructors:

The training staff is comprised of individuals who have a wealth of experience as instructor trainers and utilizing these weapons and sights in realworld situations; from police patrol duty and police special weapons teams to military Special Operations conducted in the War on Terrorism.

Course Dates:

March 23-27, 2026

Class will begin on Day 1 in the classroom at 0800.

Location:

Thornton Police Department Training Center
9000 Colorado Blvd. Dr, Thornton, CO 80229

Host Agency:

Colorado POST Greater Metro Training Region

Registration:

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Cost : This course is funded through the Colorado POST training grant

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