

# Advanced Firearms Instructor Certification Course



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Hosted by Thornton Police Department

## \$675.00

This 3-day / 24-hour instructor certification course is designed to challenge firearms instructors to take a critical look at traditional training philosophies and methodologies, and to take the firearms instructor to the next level of instruction and presentation to enhance their training programs. This course will show instructors how to design and conduct advanced drills that not only pushes their student's skills to the next level but also maximizes their training time and ammunition allotment. Creativity and thinking outside the "ammo can" are heavily emphasized in this course. The concepts taught in this course apply to ALL weapon disciplines for creating better training.

*This course is approved by the NRA LE Division for 24 hours of continuing education credit.*

**NOTE:** *This course requires the use of carbines / rifles. Students don't need to be certified as a rifle instructor to attend. However, students must have successfully completed a rifle operator certification course of 16+ hours to attend this course.*

### **Topics Covered:**

- A critical look at the fundamentals of marksmanship
- Firearms safety rules vs. Range safety rules
- Performance-based training vs. Outcome-based training
- Target selection for enhanced training
- Defining "advanced" firearms training
- Advanced drill development formula
- Line drills vs. Solo drills vs. Team drills
- Experiencing OODA on the range
- Coaching & debriefing student performance
- Facilitating - Getting students to "self-discover" mistakes and solutions

### **Required Equipment:**

- Duty pistol and three magazines
- Holster and mag pouches (no concealment holsters)
- Semi-auto rifle with magazines with tactical sling
- Rifle mag pouches
- 300 rounds of ammo for each weapon system
- Eye & ear protection
- Hat with a brim
- Black Marker
- Weather-related gear
- Hydration fluids & snacks

**Recommended Hotel:**

Homewood Suites  
12150 Grant Street  
Thornton, CO 80241  
Phone: (720) 833-4138  
Website: [Homewood Suites by Hilton Thornton Denver](#)

**You Must Be A Member To Attend!**

**Membership Levels:**

- Law Enforcement - \$50 annually
- Military - \$40 annually
- Retired LE / Military - \$35 annually
- Security Industry - \$60 annually (restrictions apply)
- Private Sector - \$60 annually (restrictions apply)
- International - \$60 annually (restrictions apply)

Membership registration and activation  
can be processed in as little as 24 hours!

(Except on weekends)

To become a member and/or register for this course online:

**NLEFIA.ORG**

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