

NRA Training Programs Come To Davis Shooting Sports

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With a huge selection of firearms and accessories, a knowledgeable and friendly staff, the area's largest indoor range and a history of excellent service, it's hard to imagine what could be done at Davis Shooting Sports to improve upon the service to our customers.

Well, we figured it out...and we did something about it!

This past spring marks the opening of the Davis Shooting Sports Firearms Training Program. A lot of effort and planning was put into this project, and we are really proud of what we have to offer. I thought it would be the perfect subject to kick off yet another project we have been working on...online information articles. In the weeks to come, we will be adding more and more articles to this website to provide information and entertainment to our customers. But more on that later...let's get to the subject at hand: our new training program.

Firearms training is very serious business. Now, while that may seem like an obvious statement, we have found that the quality of training programs in the area are NOT equal and many places do not provide accredited and certified training using a nationally recognized curriculum. From the start, we decided that we were going to do things the right way, so let's run down what we offer and why we think it's important.

All of our instructors are life-long shooters and all are fully certified by the NRA. Beyond that, how instructors perform and how the information is presented is held at the highest standard. I myself have been a professional instructor for over 20 years and some of the disciplines and subjects I've taught are, Basic, Advanced and Tactical Firearms Instruction, Basic and Advanced Motorcycle Instruction, Securities Financial Operations and Regulatory Training and I even did ground school instruction for flight training. Being a good instructor is a lot more than just knowing the curriculum. It requires you to understand how to present the material and how to interact with your students.

The courses we offer are all certified and nationally recognized safety-training courses. For example, our NRA Basic Pistol Course is an 8-hour course that includes live fire and is recognized by every state to meet the requirements of an approved safety course. That means that you can take our course and get credit for it even if you live in another state AND our course completion certificate is good if you wish to apply for a non-resident permit in another state. This particular course covers a huge amount of information and even the most experienced shooters will find something informative that they can take away from the course. A point that is largely overlooked is that this course is also designed to help you in choosing a firearm that is right for you. It's easy to get overwhelmed when looking to purchase a handgun with all the choices and calibers available. A great start is taking this class, which will allow you to handle and discover

how these different handguns operate and feel like, and what to look for when deciding on such an important purchase.

Finally, having the most qualified and skilled instructors, teaching the most complete and effective curriculum doesn't help much if the classroom facility is poorly set up, uncomfortable or allows distractions. In that regards, I think you will be amazed at what we can offer. Our classroom has been newly constructed and purpose-built in a separate and designated area of the building. We also have full, state-of-the-art audio and video in the classroom using the most modern technology, to offer you the best and most impressive and interactive experience available. This program is not just the student sitting at a desk listening to an instructor drone on for hours on end. It is designed to be interactive with student participation during the whole event. We work with each and every one of you to teach proper grip and stance, how to open and close the action on a variety of real firearms and safe handling procedures. When it comes time to learn about sighting and trigger press, we use specially designed training guns that fire lasers in our classroom so you can safely practice and apply what you've learned. Then, we move you out to our range where you will get the chance at live fire with one of our guns.

As if this all isn't enough, every student will receive a full student packet worth over \$40 that contains a full student manual, a holster guide, information about the Winchester Marksmanship Program and most importantly, an original, signed and numbered course completion certificate that is good in all 50 states.

We certainly hope that you take advantage of this get opportunity. We will be offering even more classes and different curriculum in the future. To stay up to date on the latest class offerings, new articles, store specials and news, follow us on Twitter:

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Stay Safe!

-Joe