



Rocky Mountain Gun Works
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Red Dot Sight (RDS) Instructor Course

Course General Learning Goals

This course is intended to provide law enforcement firearm instructors the training to successfully instruct, manage and convey proper usage and maintenance of handguns equipped with Miniature Red Dot Sights (MRDS) in a law enforcement capacity. Students will understand instructor-based use of force considerations, methodology and training liability.

Students will have the ability to develop training to successfully create transition, basic academy and in-service training while utilizing MRDS equipped handguns.

Prerequisite

This is an instructor level course and applicants should be currently employed as an agency law enforcement firearms instructor. There is no requirement to have completed a RDS user course prior to this course as all aspects of using and ultimately instructing end users will be addressed.

Course Outline

This course will address the following topics.

- Ammunition Selection / Ballistic Protocol
 - 40 Cal. vs 9mm
- Agency RDS Development and Principles
 - Transition Training
 - In-Service Training
- Human Factors
 - Parasympathetic/Sympathetic Nervous System
- Equipment Selection
- MRDS Management and Coaching
- Weapon Mounted Light / MRDS Considerations
- Dim Light Shooting
- Use of Force Considerations
- Instructor Training Liability
- Reality Based Training Principles

Equipment Requirements

- Duty handgun equipped with a MRDS / Weapon Mounted Light (WML)
- Approximately 1200 Rounds of Handgun Ammunition
- 6 Fluorescent Inert Dummy Rounds
- Duty Belt, Holster (Handgun with MRDS and WML), (3) Magazines
- Eye and Ear Protection / Ballistic Vest (Soft Armor)
- Note Taking Material
- Appropriate Clothing for Weather Conditions
- Accessory Considerations (Small Pack, Sunscreen etc)



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Class Size / Schedule

Course is limited to 10-15 Students

24 Hours / 3 Days

Day 1: 0800-1700 Hours

Day 2: 0800-1700 Hours

Day 3: 1200-2100 Hours

Cost

TBD

Instructors

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Mark served in the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division, and has been a Deputy Sheriff with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) for the past 20 years. During that tenure, he has been a member of the EPSO Special Response Team (SRT) as well as the EPSO SWAT Team, coordinating firearms training for both units. Mark has been a Colorado POST Full Skills Firearms Instructor for 18 years, teaching basic and advanced handgun, shotgun, carbine / rifle, Designated Marksman and Red Dot User and Instructor level courses. During that time, Mark has held the position of Range Master for the EPSO and is currently the Range Master for the Pikes Peak State College Regional Law Enforcement Academy. Mark successfully implemented the MRDS system in the EPSO, making it the first large agency in Colorado to issue MRDS equipped handguns to all employees. Mark is a current member of the Colorado POST Firearms SME Committee. Additionally, Mark teaches Colorado POST Handgun Instructor courses for County Sheriffs of Colorado (CSOC).

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Ed retired from the U.S. Army as a Command Sergeant Major, 10th Special Forces Group, after 22 years of service and from the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPSO) after 22 years of service. Ed established EMK Use of Force and Training Consultation, LLC in 2019 and continues to teach law enforcement use of force, training liability, instructor methodology and human factors throughout Colorado. Ed is recognized as a law enforcement use of force expert in Colorado district and federal district courts. Ed is a Force Science Advanced Specialist, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Use of Force Instructor as well as earning the Legal Liability Risk Management Institute's use of force certification. While employed by the EPSO, Ed was a Colorado POST Full Skills Firearms Instructor and was the chairperson of the Colorado POST Firearms SME Committee from 2009-2019. Ed is a current member of the Colorado POST Curriculum SME Committee.