



FUNDAMENTALS OF FIREARMS AND FIELD CRAFT

The FUNDAMENTALS OF FIREARMS AND FIELD CRAFT course is designed to significantly increase the skill level of any marksman utilizing a semi-automatic carbine and pistol, and to teach you complementary fieldcraft and survival skills for the modern gunfighter. The course will consist of approximately 1 hour of instruction on firearm & fieldcraft safety, firearm operation, and the safe and correct way to handle and operate both weapon systems on and off the range. The initial instruction will be followed by 15 hours of gradually perplexing drills that involve a variety of shooting positions, distances, speed work, and expert fieldcraft instruction for the operational individual or team. These drills will primarily originate from the standing position and are designed to improve both speed and accuracy. Survival and fieldcraft instruction will allow each individual (with the aid of simple survival tools), enhance their personal/team survivability and operational fieldcraft significantly. Upon completion of this course the student will have a thorough understanding of firearm safety, firearm operation, the ability to engage multiple targets with multiple shots, and the knowledge and skills required to save lives.

Course Objective: Each student will gain a high level of confidence in expert survival skills, and the safe handling and operation of an AR-15 type rifle and pistol. Both of these critical skills together will examine the baseline abilities of each student and allow them to dramatically improve their skills in a pragmatic and highly exercised format.

Enabling Objectives:

- General firearms safety
- Verify safe, loading, unloading procedure, and proper clearing of weapons
- Operation and manipulation of the AR-15 type rifle and pistol
 - Sights, zeroing considerations & techniques, slings, and equipment placement
- Reloading and malfunction drills
- Fundamentals of rifle and Pistol marksmanship
- Shooting positions
- Multiple target engagements
- Primitive and modern fire-craft for the modern operator.
- Field expedient shelter craft with hide site/evasion considerations
- Basic food procurement techniques to include traps and field weapons
- Useful/medicinal local and global plant identification
- Signal and communication for recovery/rescue & tactical field movement
- Primitive and modern navigation techniques
- Orientation to tracking& counter-tracking

Prerequisite: A basic understanding of firearms safety and operation, and an interest in harnessing combined weapons and fieldcraft skills.

Training schedule: Show time is 8:30 am with instruction starting at 9:00 am and ending at 5 pm. A one-hour period is allotted for lunch.

Individual equipment (Student Furnished) for Firearms & Fieldcraft Skills instruction:

- Carbine with 3 magazines and sling
- Optical sight for carbine (optional, but highly recommended)
 - Pistol with 3 magazines and holster
 - Belt, LBE or protective vest
 - Magazine pouches (pistol and rifle)
 - Knee and elbow pads (optional)
 - Weapon cleaning kit (with oil for carbine)
 - Eye and ear protection
 - Note taking tools (pen/pencil & notebook).

- Personal modern cell phone/smart phone with any mapping application.
- Basic Personal Survival Kit (PSK) Items in a kit or worn on body. (NOTE: All items are student preference based upon the minimal values below.)
 - Heavy duty (full tang) fixed bladed knife.
 - Swiss Army-style or Leatherman-style Multitool.
 - Fire starting tools (ignition and tinders).
 - Personal full-sized hiking compass.
 - Personal GPS (not required but recommended).
 - Flashlight (AA / AAA / CR123 powered).
 - Paracord/550 Cord (20-30 feet).
 - Any personal water purification tools (e.g. pumps, straws, UV devices, etc), *or* purification chemicals (e.g. tablets or tinctures, etc).
 - Any personal signaling tools (rescue mirror and survival whistle).
 - 2 x Extra-large and heavy-duty (5 mil) contractor grade garbage bags.
 - Metal canteen cup or metal Nalgene cup
 - Nalgene bottle or any sealable water carrier.
 - Handkerchief or Shamagh.
 - Personal First-Aid items or kit.
 - Any additional student equipment to test or practice with.
 - Tactical or work gloves with dexterity
 - Inclement weather gear and environmental protections:
 - Rain gear
 - Cold/Cool weather gear (seasonal dependent)
 - Sunscreen
 - Bugspray
- Water/food (1hr lunch break)

Ammo requirements (Student Furnished): 700 rounds of rifle, and 600 rounds of pistol ammunition per person.

Course includes: 16 hours of instruction and basic support components for fieldcraft and Personal Survival Kits (PSK).

Cost: \$550 tuition fee. Includes all range fees and additional take-home fieldcraft items furnished to students.