Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Will eye and ear protection be provided?

A. Yes.

Q. I do not own a firearm. Will any be available?

A. No. This course is intended for those citizens who own their own weapon.

Q. Can I share a firearm with a friend?

A. No. We require each participant to possess a firearm.

Q. I own several firearms. Am I able to fire more than one?

A. Due to time constraints, each participant is limited to firing only one firearm.

Q. If I fail the course, do I still receive the certificate?

A. The goal of the course is to impart information, help participants become more familiar with their weapon and gain increased confidence in its use. Each participant's skill level and degree of proficiency will be unique. Participants are expected to participate in each activity and there is not a pass or fail per se. The only way a participant will fail is through repeated safety violations jeopardizing the safety of others.

Q. I have only fired a gun one time. Am I still able to attend?

A. Yes. This course is designed to provide information and basic firearms training. It is not intended to train participants to demonstrate a certain level of proficiency. If you are interested in becoming more proficient, you are encouraged to seek additional training through one of the many reputable firearms instructors in our area.

Q. I have a lot of firearms training, and I am a great shot. Is this class worth attending for me?

A. Yes. This course is taught by experts in the field who will be sharing information that extends far beyond firearms proficiency (which is not a goal of the course). One of the main goals of the course is to help inform each participant's decision-making process while providing a strong foundation of awareness.

Q. Will I get to learn about the Hernando County Sheriff's Office?

A. This course focuses on the firearms laws of Florida and firearms best practices. While you will certainly meet and gain some insight from the firearms instructors of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, if you are looking to learn more about the Hernando County Sheriff's Office, we recommend you attend our Citizen Academy.

Q. What if I register for the course and am unable to attend?

A. Contact us at 352-797-3660 and we will register you for the next available course.

Q. What if it rains on the day of the course?

A. We will make every effort to continue the course, if safe to do so. If the Range Master determines it is unsafe to continue, participants will be rescheduled to make up the canceled portion.

Q. Will I receive a certificate of completion?

A. Each participant who successfully completes the course will be issued a wallet sized card. (Completion of the course does not confer any rights or authority beyond that which is already provided by the Concealed Weapon Permit.)