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Fundamentals of Pistol Mounted Red Dots

Course Description

PURPOSE: This two-day, sixteen-hour class is designed for students transitioning from iron sight pistols to pistol with mounted red dot optics.

OVERVIEW: Pistol mounted RDS are valuable tools for improving shooter accuracy, speed, situational awareness, field of view, maintaining threat focus, and self-diagnosing grip and trigger deficiencies. Use of these systems is quickly becoming commonplace in law enforcement and the military due to the officer and public safety benefits they provide.

Fundamentals of Pistol Mounted Red Dots is intended for students with experience using pistols, yet have no formal training using pistol-mounted RDS. This course will provide attendees with an overview of RDS technology, shooting with a pistol-mounted RDS, and improve training practices going forward.

GOALS: Upon conclusion of this instruction, students will be able to:

- Zero a pistol with a RDS
- Articulate the difference between Threat Focus, Front Sight Focus, and Dot Focus
- Acquire a sight picture using RDS
- Maintain dot awareness while on target
- Maintain threat focus and field of view while shooting with the RDS
- Overcome RDS specific malfunctions
- Draw from a holster and shoot with proficiency using a RDS

PREREQUISITES: Only personnel who are currently employed by a unit of government in a military, sworn, or civilian capacity will be permitted to attend this program. All students must have prior firearms training in the following areas:

- Firearms safety training
- Basic defensive or duty pistol training
- Drawing from an out of the waste-band holster

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

- Must attend and complete both days of training
- Duty pistol with mounted red dot optic
- 3 ammo magazines
- 800 rounds of ammunition
- Gun belt with holster and 3 magazine pouches
- Out of the waistband holster
- Eye protection
- Hearing protection
- *** Recommend students bring clothing and equipment consistent with what they will be wearing on duty or deployment (external body armor, helmet, gloves, etc.).

HOST REQUIREMENTS:

• Shooting range: 25-yard min, 1 shooting lane per student, target stands, access to covered area or building for inclement weather