

Firearm Technology and Specialist Training

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This training seminar is being hosted by the **Manatee County Florida Sheriff's Office**.

Training Goals: This is an intense course designed to teach anyone from novice to the highly-experienced, the complete picture of the firearm field, make you a competent Specialist, and put you on the pathway to becoming one of the most firearm-knowledgeable people in the country. Post-seminar online testing is included, which certifies the attendee as a **Firearm Specialist** upon successful completion.



Attendees are taught 14 aspects of the field of firearms/ammunition at a crawl-walk-run pace, enabling everyone from the novice to the experienced to achieve expertise. Online review videos are supplied in case further study is desired to pass the certification quizzes.

Attendees will be able to safely clear, accurately identify, classify, and to competently categorize any firearm or ammunition, even the oldest obscure foreign military examples, all within ATF and State guidelines. They will be confident in making determinations as to Gun Control Act and National Firearms Act status and avoid overlooking violations and items which are illegal contraband. The issues of mis-ID, unfamiliarity with obscure facets of the firearm field, and unsafe practices will be solved, avoiding the misinformation and lack of information which plagues law enforcement and the firearm industry.



The course is designed to enable you to interpret what you encounter and apply their knowledge in making an accurate determination as to the item's origin, its status under the law, and its method of mechanical operation. All areas of the field of firearms and ammunition will be examined and discussed thoroughly, and Federal law and ATF rulings will be cited to prove all points taught.



The latest firearm technology trends in the industry, as well as criminal-trends will be explained. These will help the professional become acquainted with technical concepts not familiar to the beginner, and which will acquaint the firearm professional with clandestine silencers and full-auto conversions, Curios and Relics, home-built firearms, ATF Tracing, etc... There is an emphasis on understanding ammunition, the accurate identification of guns and ammunition.

Audience: This training is open to members of all law enforcement agencies, and (at the discretion of the host), to other government agencies, military, security, firearm industry, Attorneys, etc...



Methods: The course is a 3-day session. The course-author is a former ATF National Academy firearm-staff member. Attendees will perform hands-on examinations of real firearms. Numerous handouts are also provided as instructional aids, and attendees will receive a certificate of attendance. This training is also recognized by the **IAI, ABMDI, NSSF, Sonoran Desert Institute, CSI Academy of Florida, Brighton College** and numerous federal

and large state and local law enforcement agencies, and we are a Technical Advisor to **AFTE**.

Day One:

- **Firearm Safety and Clearing** (rules of safe handling, clearing procedures, safety precautions, active and passive safety devices, test-firing cautions, jammed firearms)
- **Firearm Classification** (5 categories of Gun Control Act firearms, definitions of “firearm” and “antique” [non-gun], forearm-braces, vertical fore-grips, 80% receiver blanks, dummy guns, home-made guns)
- **Markings** (manufacturer, importer, proof, obliterated serials, double serials, double importers, trademarks, ATF variances, hidden serials, Nazi codes, catalog guns, foreign military gun-ID, ATF Tracing)
- **Nomenclature** (ID of parts necessary for safety and/or location of markings)

Day Two:

- **Ammunition** (components, ID, technology, interstate nexus, chamber pressure, headspace, SAAMI)
- **Cycle of Operation** (the function of each step of mechanical operation)
- **Mechanical Types of Operation** (breech and muzzle-loaders, self and manually-loaded firearms, action types, open and closed-bolt, semi and full-auto)
- **Curios and Relics** (collector status granted by ATF, C&Rs vs. antiques)
- **NFA Rifles/Shotguns** (short-barreled rifle/shotguns, weapons made from rifle/shotgun, shoulder-stocked handguns, sub-caliber inserts)

Day Three:

- **Machineguns** (Ten most common clandestine conversions, field testing, bump-firing, Gatling guns, deactivated war trophies, re-welds, fire-on-release, methods of destruction)
- **Silencers** (recognition, soda-bottle and oil-filter adapters, solvent traps, fakes)
- **Any Other Weapon [AOW]** (disguised firearms, smooth-bore handguns, handguns w/vertical fore-grip, Marble Game-getters)
- **Destructive Devices** (bombs, mines, grenades, bores over .50 caliber, Street-sweeper, USAS-12, Molotov cocktails, IEDs, exceptions)
- **Court Testimony** (15 points on preparation, writing a Curriculum Vitae, and the pitfalls of testimony)

Seminar location:

Manatee County Sheriff's Office
14490 Harllee Road
Palmetto FL 34221

Date: April 6-8, 2021

Time: 8:00-4:30pm

Cost of the 3-day course is \$550, which includes online review videos and quizzes for certification.

To register, contact IFSA at (813) 422-4674 or email: Info@GunLearn.com. The registration form is here at <https://www.gunlearn.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/IFSA-registration-form-3.28.18.pdf>

To learn more about IFSA/GunLearn, go to www.GunLearn.com .

Attendees are cautioned that the course includes the handling of firearms, and as a result, no live ammunition is allowed in the classroom. Prior arrangements should be made for safe storage of duty weapons and ammunition. Due to the inherent handling of firearms in the class, attendance is restricted to those who are not prohibited from possession of a firearm or ammunition under Title 18 U.S. Code 922 (g).