Two-Day (16 hrs.) for the Maryland HGP Class Syllabus

Course Day 1 (8 hrs.): NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting Course

Course Goal: To teach the basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for possessing and using a pistol safely. To provide the compliant Maryland training portion of the handgun safety, mechanisms, operation, and ammunition required by the State of Maryland.
Please note lesson hours are approximate depending on class size and experience. We will cover all relevant content in detail as needed.

Lesson I: Pistol Knowledge and Safe Gun Handling (2 hours)
Learning Objectives:

1. State the course goal and any special requirements for the five lessons
2. Identify the principal parts of a pistol and the types of pistol actions and demonstrate how they function
3. State, explain, and apply the NRA Rules for Safe Gun Handling
4. Demonstrate how to handle a pistol in a safe manner

Lesson II: Ammunition Knowledge and the Fundamentals of Pistol Shooting (2 Hours)
Learning Objectives:

1. Identify the different components of a pistol cartridge
2. Explain the firing sequence of a cartridge
3. Explain how to properly identify and store ammunition
4. State the major types of cartridge malfunctions and how to respond to them
5. Explain the fundamentals of pistol shooting

Lesson III: Shooting Positions and Shooting Qualifications (2 hours)
Learning Objectives:

1. Demonstrate the learning steps to assume the benchrest position and shoot from the benchrest position
2. Demonstrate the learning steps to assume the Isosceles position and shoot from the Isosceles position
3. Shoot the course qualification (on location at commercial range or equal)

Lesson IV: Scoring Targets and Selecting and Maintaining Your Pistol (1 hour)
Learning Objectives:

1. Properly score a pistol target
2. Explain the basic guidelines for selecting and purchasing a pistol
3. Identify the materials needed to clean a pistol
4. Demonstrate how to safely clean a pistol

Lesson V: Continued Opportunities for Skill Development (1 hour)
Learning Objectives:

1. Identify several ways to pursue pistol shooting activities after the course
2. Successfully complete the NRA Basic Pistol Shooting Course written examination *(Optional but required if seeking NRA Credentials)*

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Course Day 2 (8 hrs.): State of Maryland HGP for New or Renewal Course

Course Goal: To provide the specific training lessons for the handgun safety required by the State of Maryland. Lessons are specifically basic knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary for laws, concealment, wear, carry, personal defense, conflict avoidance, storage, and firearm safety.

Lessons for working knowledge of:

1. Firearms Laws (USA, Maryland COMAR, Criminal, Public Safety)
2. Home Storage and Child Safety
3. Suicide Prevention
4. Handgun mechanisms and operation – brief overview of the Day 1 Course as needed
5. Use of a Firearm – Dry fire classroom then range time with 25 or 50 rounds
6. Personal/Self-defense, Use of Force, and Wear and Carry recommendations

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Lesson 1 - Firearm Laws - U.S.A., Maryland, Local (1.5 hrs.) (#11)

Learning Objectives:

1. Maryland Handgun Carry permit introduction
2. Reciprocity – Maryland and other jurisdictions
3. United States of America Firearm Laws (CFR)
4. Maryland Firearm Laws and changes
    a. COMAR
    b. Where prohibited?
    c. Where may HGP license lawfully carry?

Lesson 2 - Firearm Home and Vehicle Safety (1 hr.) (#54)

Learning Objectives:

1. Five questions before owning a gun
2. Home safety and transport
3. Suicide Prevention
4. Making a gun safe
5. Storage (ammunition and guns)
6. How to handle a threat at home
7. Cartridge components
8. Correct ammunition (+p, +p+)
9. Rim and Center Cartridges
10. Trigger finger position
11. Safety Summary

Lesson 3 - Handgun Features and Operational Review (1 hr.) (#78)

Learning Objectives:

1. Differences between revolvers and semi-automatic handguns
2. Loading and unloading of ammunition
3. Sight alignment
4. Position shooting
5. Dry firing

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6. Range practice
7. Cleaning and maintenance

Lesson 4 – Use of a Handgun (1 hrs.) (#92)

1. Demonstrate through practical application knowledge and safe handling of a handgun

Lesson 5 – Personal or Self-Defense (1 hr.) (#98)
(Safety Related Initiatives not requiring a gun?)
Lesson Objectives:

1. Four Pillars of Home Defense
2. Simple Steps to a Safer Home
3. Proven Strategies
4. Avoid, Escape, and Survive
5. Conceal vs Cover
6. Win the Race to 911
7. The 911 Operator
8. Personal Defense (Scenarios)
9. Use of Force

Lesson 6 – Conflict Resolution (#131)
Lesson Objectives:

1. Conflict De-escalation and Resolution
2. Firearms owners have a special responsibility
3. Ground Rules for Conflict Resolution

Lesson 7 – Anger Management (#146)
Lesson Objectives:

1. Anger management
2. Managing Unhealthy Anger
3. Signs of Anger
4. Tips for Managing Anger
5. Some Statements About Anger
6. Major Points

Lesson 8 – Wear and Carry Techniques (1 hr.) (#152)
Lesson Objectives:

1. How to Conceal – New York City training examples
2. Wear& Carry Gun and Gear
    a. Printing - Brandishing
    b. Quality Gun Belt
    c. Holster - Types (IWB, OWB, Other) and Attributes
    d. Carry Gun – Considerations
    e. Carry Class Takeaways
    f. Carry locations on you
3. Five Concealed Carry Concepts
4. Prepare, Plan, W.I.N.
5. Concealed Carry Gap Fillers
6. What to do if pulled over?

7. Conceal Carry General Tips
8. Conceal Carry Comments by Others
9. Conceal Carry Summary

Lesson 9 – Range Qualification (#179)

1. Range Safety
2. Range Shooting Proficiency Standard 25 rounds or Designated Security 50 rounds)
3. Target and scoring
4. Range Location

Lesson 10 – Next Steps and Course Closure (30+ minutes)

Lesson Objectives:

1. MSP Portal
    a. Fingerprints
    b. References
    c. Photo
    d. MSP Certificate (29-14)
2. Other jurisdictions PA, DE, and/or DC
3. Course Completition
4. Optional value added HQL Law for Maryland (30 minutes)