

# **Defensive Pistol level I**

## **Course and Equipment requirements**

Defensive caliber handgun, .380 and above, suitable for self-protection. No pocket pistols or snubnose revolvers. This is not a basic course. We expect you to be familiar with your firearm and its various controls, particularly the safety and magazine or cylinder release.

You must have completed the NRA Basic Pistol Course or equivalent, have an Alaska Concealed Handgun Permit or equivalent from another State and able to legally own a firearm. Certificates from Front Sight, Gunsight, Thunder Ranch, or another accredited firearms training school in the use of handguns will be accepted.

The items listed below are required for each student. No sharing.

1. Strong side outside-the-waist band holster. Holster must cover the trigger. One that is IDPA legal is a good guide, [IDPA.com](http://IDPA.com). No inside the waist band, pocket, or ankle holsters. No nylon or floppy leather holsters with retention straps.
2. Minimum of three magazines but four magazines or loading device for your firearm would be better. (Speed loaders for revolvers) with at least one belt pouch. Two is better.
3. A good strong gun belt that will keep the holster and magazine pouch in place while drawing. For males, the belt must be laced through the belt loops. For females, the belt may be tight on the hips.
4. Your own eye and electronically amplified hearing protection. A crew neck upper garment and a ball cap are recommended but not required.
5. For failure drills you will need 10 inert training cartridges, also known as dummy rounds. (Metal case, plastic inside)
6. You will need a light cover garment such as a jacket, vest, or sweatshirt.
7. You will need 250 rounds of factory target Ammunition for this class.

Firearms are not to be handled outside the range. When entering the range, the firearm must be in a case or holster. Firearms are uncased and re-cased on the firing line only.

Safety is a top priority

*Do not allow your muzzle to cover anything you do not want to destroy. The muzzle must always be pointed downrange at the backstop.*

*Do not pick up anything with your gun in your hand. Holster first. On the firing line, wait for the command to retrieve your gear.*

*Do not allow your muzzle to break the 170-degree rule.*