



Firearm Technology and Specialist Training

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Training Goals:

This training seminar is being hosted by the **Douglas County Sheriff's Office** of Nevada. The goal of the training is to make you, the firearm professional, a competent Firearm Specialist, and put you on a pathway to becoming a subject-matter expert. Post-seminar testing is available, which makes the attendee a **Certified Firearm Specialist**, upon passing.



Attendees will be able to encounter a varied collection of firearms and ammunition, and be able to safely clear, accurately identify and classify, and competently categorize any firearm or ammunition, even the oldest obscure foreign military examples, and do so within ATF guidelines. You will be confident in making determinations as to GCA and NFA status, and avoid overlooking violations and items which are illegal contraband. The issues of misidentification, 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 industry.

The course is designed to enable firearm professional to immediately interpret what he or she sees, and to apply their knowledge in making an accurate determination as to an item's origin, status under the law, and 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 within the industry, as well as criminal-trends in firearms will be explained. These will help the professional become acquainted with technical concepts not familiar to the beginner, and which will help the gun professional become acquainted with concepts such as 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, and the ability to competently explain methods of operation.



Audience: This course is intended for all law enforcement personnel, licensed firearm dealers and manufacturers, Attorneys, active military, and licensed security personnel.

Methods: The course is a 3-day session. The expert Instructor makes liberal use of photographs. Hand-on examination of real firearms is also employed, as well as a question and answer session with a former ATF National Academy firearm-staff member. Numerous handouts are used as instructional aids, and attendees will receive a certificate of attendance. This training is also



approved by the IAI, ABMDI, NMLEA, NSSF, Sonoran Desert Institute and Brighton College.

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)
- **Machineguns** (eleven most common clandestine conversions, field testing, bump-firing, Gatling guns, DEWATS, re-welds, methods of destruction)

Day Three:

- **Silencers** (recognition, soda-bottle and oil-filter adapters, solvent traps, fakes)
- **NFA Rifles/Shotguns** (short barreled, weapons made from rifle/shotgun, shoulder-stocked handguns, sub-caliber inserts)
- **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: Douglas County Sheriff's Office
1625 Water St.
Minden, NV 89423**

Date: May 11-13, 2016

Time: 8:00-4:30pm

Cost of the 3-day course is \$400. Cost for the CFS certification is an additional \$100. Both fees may be paid together.

To register for this course contact IFSA at (813) 422-4674, or email us at Info@GunLearn.com. 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).