

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Firearms Safety

Prefix and Course Number: CJ 235

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Students learn basic knowledge of firearms safety
- Students learn the theory and practice of shooting
- Students pass the practical police course of fire

Course Outline:

- I. Overview
 - A. Cleaning equipment
 - B. Range equipment
 - C. PPC qualification
- II. Physical Considerations
 - A. Vision impairment-eye exam
 - B. Glasses prescription current
 - C. Dominant eye
 - D. Hearing protection
- III. Firearms Safety "Universal Rules"
 - A. All guns are always loaded
 - B. Never point a gun at anything you are not willing to kill
 - C. Index at all times
 - D. Be sure of your target
- IV. Firearms Safety in the Home
 - A. Where should you keep your weapon
 - B. Find a safe location
 - C. Make the firearm safe
 - D. Accidental Firearm Deaths
 - E. Statistics
 - F. Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety
- V. Condition Check Rules of Safe Gun Handling
 - A. Whenever you pick up a gun that has been out of your possession check whether or not the gun is loaded.
 - B. Handing a firearm to another person
 1. Make the firearm safe
 2. Re-check firearm
 3. Hand firearm to other person
 4. Be sure all persons involved practice safe gun handling
 - C. Four steps to shooting
 1. Position
 2. Body
 3. Stance
 - D. Trigger control
 - E. Breath control
 - F. Hold breath (on exhale) as you deliver the shot
 - G. Sight alignment

- H. Concentrate on the front sight
- I. Sight picture
- VI. Fundamentals of Marksmanship
 - A. Grip
 - B. Slight alignment
 - C. Trigger control
 - D. Follow through – stance
 - E. Modified weaver stance
 - F. Flash sight – dim light
 - G. Compressed surprise break
 - H. Cover & concealment
- VII. Training for Survival
 - A. Drawing
 - B. Reloading
 - C. Cleaning stoppages
- VIII. Stoppage Clearance Stage 1
 - A. Tap
 - B. Rack
 - C. Shoot
- IX. Stoppage Clearance Stage 2
 - A. Lock the slide back
 - B. Remove the magazine
 - C. Work the action
 - D. Insert a fresh magazine
 - E. Work the action
 - F. Insert a fresh magazine
 - G. Rack the action to chamber a round
- X. Ammunition Problems
 - A. Misfire
 - B. Hang fire
 - C. Pip or squib
 - D. Keep the gun pointed down range
 - E. Remove the magazine/lock the slide open
 - F. Keeping the gun pointed downrange
 - G. To your knee and notify a range officer
- XI. Shooting and Deafness
 - A. How we hear
 - B. Shooting noises
 - C. Use effective protection
- XII. Tactical Shooting
 - A. Body alarm reactions - list
 - B. Officers Killed
 - C. Gunfight Statistics
 - D. Mental Clock
- XIII. Gunfight Survival
 - A. Alert
 - B. Decisive
 - C. Aggressive
 - D. Speed
 - E. Cool-headed
 - F. Commitment to win
 - G. Surprise

- H. Cover & Concealment
- XIV. M&M Principle
 - A. Maximize your advantage
 - B. Minimize yourself as a target
- XV. Deadly force
 - A. Intent
 - B. Weapon
 - C. Delivery System
 - D. Threat
 - E. Shoot
 - F. You are responsible for all rounds that you fire
 - G. Can I take a life?
- XVI. How to Handle a Gun
 - A. Children and guns
 - B. Location of the gun at home
 - C. Loaded gun at home
 - D. Off duty-outside the home
 - E. Familiarity breeds contempt
 - F. Gun safety on duty
 - G. Carrying guns to the range
 - H. Gun safety on the firing line
 - I. Misfire
- XVII. Sight Alignment
 - A. Front sight point of focus
 - B. The arc of movement
 - C. Follow through
 - D. Accurate calling of a shot
 - E. Firearms dry-fire practice ritual
- XVIII. Nomenclature
 - A. Diagram of Autoloader
 - B. Nomenclature of autoloader
 - C. Diagram of revolver
 - D. Nomenclature of revolver
 - E. Diagram of shotgun
 - F. Nomenclature of shotgun
- XIX. How to Fire the Shotgun Under Field Conditions
 - A. Penetrating Power of the Shotgun
 - B. Shotgun shot Spread
- XX. Shooting Exercises
 - A. Dry fire
 - B. Ball and dummy
 - C. Shoot and assess
 - D. Weak hand
 - E. Moving targets
 - F. Balloons
 - G. Bowling pins
 - H. PPC
 - I. Tactical
 - J. Shotgun