

Firearms Safety Course

Presented by the Hendry County Sheriff's Office

Free to Citizens of Hendry County

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office is providing a free basic firearms course designed to establish a strong foundation for individuals new to firearms. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's (FDLE) Local Firearm Safety Training Program has provided HCSO with a grant funding under Chapter 2023-18, Section 37 to provide this program to our citizens.

This course is tailored for those with limited or no prior firearm experience and incorporates a blend of classroom instruction, live-range exercises, firearm handling, manipulation exercises, and recent changes to concealed carry statutes. It will also provide Stop the Bleed training and use of a state of the art firearms simulator. Participants will receive guidance from certified firearms instructors with extensive experience in law enforcement marksmanship throughout the course.

Upon successful completion of the course, attendees will attain a HCSO Basic Firearms Safety Certification. This certificate can be used when applying for a Concealed Weapons Permit if desired.

No red shirts, shorts, or tank tops will be allowed.
Handguns, ammunition, and targets will be provided.
Eye and hearing protection will be provided, or you may bring your own if preferred.
Please do not bring your own firearm.

All courses will run from 8am-4pm.

Available Course Dates:

- Saturday, April 27th, 2024
- Saturday May 11th, 2024
- Saturday May 25th, 2024
- Saturday June 8th, 2024
- Saturday June 22nd, 2024

Requirements:

- Must be 21 years of age or older, unless you are a service member or a veteran of the Armed Forces who was discharged under honorable conditions.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Hendry County.
- Must bring a state-issued photo ID or driver's license on the day of event.
- Must wear pants or slacks, full size shirt, and closed-toe shoes. A baseball style hat is optional.

Possible Reasons for Ineligibility:

- Renouncement of U.S. citizenship.
- A dishonorable discharge from the armed forces.
- Being a fugitive from justice.
- A felony conviction (unless civil and firearm rights have been restored by the convicting authority).
- A conviction for violation of controlled substance laws or multiple arrests for such offenses.
- A record of drug or alcohol abuse.
- A conviction for a misdemeanor crime of violence in the last three years.
- Having been issued a domestic violence injunction or an injunction against repeat violence that is currently in force.
- Being committed to a mental institution or adjudged incompetent or mentally defective.
- Having adjudication withheld or sentence suspended on a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence unless three years have elapsed since probation or other conditions set by the court have been fulfilled.

- Two or more DUI convictions within the previous three years.
- The physical inability to handle a firearm safely.

Space is limited. (Fifteen students per class)

All those interested need to complete and return this application to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office Administration Building located at 483 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle FL 33935. You will have to bring your Florida License or ID card so a copy can be made.

For additional information you can call the Hendry County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line (863) 674-5600.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm.