

# Firearm Technology and Specialist Training

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## Training Goals:

This training seminar is being hosted by the Seattle Police Department. 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. The issues of misidentification, unfamiliarity with obscure facets of the firearm field, and unsafe practices will be solved.



Attendees will become 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. Avoiding the misinformation found online and at gun shows, you will become confident in making determinations as to NFA status, and be able to avoid items which are illegal contraband.

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 in 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 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 amateur and professional firearm dealers, collectors, manufacturers, law enforcement, Attorneys, military and security personnel, hunters, and those concerned with personal protection.



**Methods:** The course is a 2-day session. Instruction is provided through the use of a PowerPoint presentation that 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. The course is also accredited by the IAI and the ABMDI.



## Day One:

- **Firearm Safety and Clearing** (rules of safe handling, clearing procedures, safety precautions, internal safety devices, test-firing cautions, jammed firearms)
- **Firearm Classification** (5 categories of GCA 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 to safety and/or markings location)
- **Ammunition** (components, ID, technology, interstate nexus)
- **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)

## Day Two:

- **Machineguns** (eleven most common clandestine conversions, field testing, bump-firing, Gatling guns, DEWATS, re-welds, methods of destruction)
- **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, Marble Game-getters)
- **Destructive Devices** (bombs, mines, grenades, bores over .50 caliber, Street-sweeper, USAS-12, Molotov cocktails, IEDs, exceptions)

***Seminar location: Seattle Police Department  
610 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98124***

***Dates: May 14 and 15, 2015***

***Time: 8:30-5pm***

**Course cost is \$325. Additional testing is available for accreditation after the seminar as a Certified Firearm Specialist. Cost for testing is an additional \$175.**

To register for this course contact IFSA at (813) 422-4674, or at [Info@GunLearn.com](mailto:Info@GunLearn.com). To learn more about IFSA/GunLearn, go to [www.GunLearn.com](http://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).***