



Red Dot Sights (RDS) for Duty Pistols

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Just as red dot sights started out slow for rifles and ultimately became the standard, the same is projected to occur with duty pistols. As technology continues to get better, the red dot sights will become more prolific. Instructors need to know the technical aspects of these sighting systems and the best way to conduct transitional training for them.

This 2-day / 16-hour instructor development course is designed to provide instructors with technical information related to red dot sights, mounting options, and holster considerations. In addition, instructors will learn the best way to conduct transitional training and the types of drills to run to address the common concerns associated with the use of RDS on duty pistols.

This course is approved by the NRA LE Division for 16 hours of continuing education credit.

Topics Covered:

- Red dot sight (RDS) theory
- Various red dot sights features, and which ones should be considered for duty use
- Mounting options and considerations
- Holster consideration
- Use of back-up iron sights (BUIS)
- Weapon manipulation with mounted optic
- Dealing with parallax and occluded optics
- Alternate aiming techniques
- Using weapon mounted and hand-held flashlight techniques with RDS (night shoot)
- Conducting advanced drills for honing skills

Required Equipment:

- Pistol with RDS and three magazines
- Holster & magazine pouches
- 600 rounds of pistol ammo
- Hand-held flashlight
- Weapon mounted flashlight (optional)
- Hat with a brim
- Eye & ear protection (clear eye pro for night shoot)
- Weather appropriate gear
- Hydration fluids and snacks