



MDTS COMBATIVE PISTOL SKILLS SERIES (CPS)

Course Description/Objectives:

MDTS combative pistol skills series emphasizes three critical elements of defensive shooting: Mindset, Skill-at-Arms, and Tactics. This collection of material is based from a number of sources, including but not limited to: military special operations training, law enforcement firearms training, government and civilian special weapons and tactics (SWAT) training, defensive/practical shooting competition, and the experiences of those who have been unable to avoid, yet survived violent confrontations. Training is conducted through a progressive series of range briefings and demonstrations, dry-practice drills, firing drills, skill-building exercises, live-fire tactical scenarios, and force-on-force gunfight simulations. All students, from basic to advanced, can expect to learn the most current and effective shooting methods, strategies, and tactics for gunfight survival.

Some of the Course Topics/Instructional Modules Include:

- Threat Recognition & Management Tactics
- Administrative Gun-Handling
- Handgun Ready Positions
- Fundamentals of Marksmanship
- Combative Draw stroke
- In-Fight-Weapon-Access
- Combative Marksmanship
- Tactical Shooting Responses
- Combative Gun-Handling
- Bilateral Weapon Operation
- Combative Shooting Positions- Conventional & Unconventional
- Multiple Threat Engagement
- Barricade Tactics- Proper Use of Cover & Concealment
- Vertical & Lateral Displacement
- Reactive, Proactive & Tactical Movement
- Shooting on the Move– Forward, Rearward, Laterally and Oblique Angles
- One-Hand Pistol Operation – Firing & Manipulations
- Close Tactical Shooting
- Handgun Intermediate Force
- Low-Light Combat
- Cornering & Clearing Tactics (CCT)
- Advanced Tactical Solutions
- Close Quarter Tactics

The MDTS curriculum differs from other training providers in that we offer all of our Combative Pistol Skills Courses in 4 hr blocks of instruction. We understand that a citizen, law enforcement officer or military serviceman's time is important to them. Some people just do not or cannot take 8-16 hrs out of their schedules to attend a training course. This is the MDTS way of providing training courses in a convenient manner without reducing the quality or efficacy of instruction.

Courses:

CPS 1, 4 hrs

This is the MDTS entry level pistol skills course. In this 4 hr. module of instruction basic to intermediate skill sets will be presented and then drilled dry fire and live fire. Course content will include but is not limited to administrative gun handling, fundamental marksmanship, and dynamic contact position, combative marksmanship, shooting responses, combative gun handling/malfunctions, reactive movement, bilateral weapon operation and more...

CPS 2, 4 hrs

Combative Pistol Skills 2 picks up where CPS1 leaves off building upon skill sets and increasing tempo and aggressiveness. Previously learned skills are refined and intermediate to advanced gun-handling skills are introduced. Course content will include but is not limited to after action assessments, concealed carry, shooting positions, horizontal displacement, multiple target engagement and more...

CPS 3, 4 hrs

CPS3 introduces students to intermediate and advanced gun-handling skill sets and drills. Stress and tempo of class are increased again as students are pushed to perform previously learned skills and tactics in conjunction with the introduction of new material. Course content is heavily focused upon the combative draw-stroke from both open carry and concealment in varied conventional and unconventional positions in close proximity to target and bystanders. Other course topics include but are not limited to combat turns, introduction to traveling movement, close tactical shooting, second party protection and more...

CPS 4, 4 hrs

CPS4 takes the combative shooter to the next level ingraining previously learned skills and introducing essential concepts of movement off the line of force and to cover while engaging threats. This course will include but is not limited to realistic movement under stress, one hand pistol operation, shooting from grounded positions, movement to cover & concealment, fundamental use of cover & concealment, introduction to partner tactics, tactical scenarios and more...

CPS 5, 4 hrs

CPS 5 delves deeper into and refines under duress fundamental skill sets such as bilateral pistol operation, one hand only skills, single hand manipulations, wounded shooter drills, shooting on the move, handgun intermediate force more...

CPS 6, 4 hrs

The combative shooters ability to operate individually is paramount but there may be times when protecting a secondary party or working with a friend or team member is necessary. CPS 6 introduces fundamental partner skills such as tactical communication, coordinated fire drills, team movement, tactical movement in structures and much more...

Low Light Pistol Skills 1, 4hrs

This course takes the skill sets learned and utilized in Combative Pistol Skills 1 and applies them in a low light environment. In this 4 hr. module of instruction students will learn to effectively control their environment and subject/target with light. Concepts of firing, manipulating and operating a firearm, with and without a flashlight, in a low light environment will be presented. Course content will include but is not limited to illumination tools and tool selection discussion, low light shooting techniques, use of ambient light sources, target identification and selection, low light shooting responses and more...

Low Light Pistol Skills 2, 4hrs

Low Light 2 includes a detailed discussion of home defense for the citizen defender, movement & navigation in low/no light, armed movement in structures, locating & identifying potential threats, flashlight intermediate force, low light problem solving & strategies, low light force-on-force drills and more...

Handgun Weapon Retention, Recovery & Disarming, 4 hrs

As armed citizens, officers or military personnel the ability to defend our firearm from an aggressor in close proximity is a required skill. The MDTs weapon retention system has been vetted and provides end users with effective concepts and principles. Recovery of a lost weapon is examined as well as disarming and control of an armed assailant. Training is conducted in anticipation of a highly committed aggressive adversary and worst case scenario where weapon retention and survival are top priorities

Force-On-Force Evaluations 1 & 2

The ability to recognize a credible threat & manage that threat in a justifiable manner is of primary importance to anyone owning and carrying a firearm. Now that you have received training it is time to evaluate how you apply the skills you have learned (or haven't learned!) via live force-on-force scenarios. Paper targets do not speak, move or shoot back. Participants in this course enter scripted, man-on-man scenarios that will test fundamental skills and evaluate your ability to deal with possible real life situations. How will you perform?

FOFE 1, 4hrs / FOFE 2 - Low Light, 4hrs

Snubby Carry & Combatives, 8 hrs

Nobody knows who invented the snub nose revolver. Despite this fact the snub is one of the oldest and most commonly carried defensive firearms. The Snubby Carry & Combatives course will focus on every day carry options and the fundamentals of running this essential carry piece. Topics covered in this 8 hr course include conventional and unconventional carry options, effective presentation techniques, ammunition considerations, snub accessories, close contact shooting, practical combative marksmanship, loose round, speed strip and speed-loader reloads, pocket shooting, snubby combatives/intermediate force and more...

Generalized Equipment List:

State CCW, pistol, comfortable clothing or duty uniform, ~250 rounds ammunition/course, minimum of 2 magazines/speedloader & holders, sturdy belt & strong holster, eye & ear protection, weather appropriate clothing, hydration

Optional Equipment:

Illumination tool, knee & elbow protection, note taking materials, lunch for full day classes

****Contact us today if you would like to host MDTs at your range or come to us here in the Upstate NY area for one of our Combative Pistol Skills Courses. We have range and classroom facilities available that can accommodate large groups (12+), semi-private (4-6) or private training.**

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