Course Title: (Lesson Domain #35: Firearms/Chemical Agents)

Hours of Instruction: 24

Course Objectives:

I.

a) State the four fundamental rules of firearms safety

b) Explain basic safety guidelines to be followed at a firing range

c) Describe the safety precautions for proper storage of firearms

II.

a) Describe the basic information about a semiautomatic pistol and magazine, including:

1. Primary components and their functions
2. Steps for loading/unloading
3. Steps for rendering the semiautomatic pistol safe

b) Describe the cycle of operation that takes place with each single pull of a semiautomatic pistol trigger

c) Describe the basic information about a revolver, including:

1. Primary components and their functions
2. Steps for loading/unloading
3. Steps for rendering the revolver safe

d) Describe the basic information about shotguns, including:

1. Advantages and limitations
2. Primary components and their functions
3. Steps for loading/unloading
4. Steps for rendering the shotgun safe

III.

a) State the guidelines for the safe handling of ammunition

b) Describe the primary components of firearm cartridges

c) Explain the chain of events that takes place when a projectile is discharged from a cartridge

d) Describe the primary components of a shotgun shell

e) Define shot pattern as it relates to shotgun shells

f) Explain the correlation to the distance traveled by the shot and the size of the shot pattern

g) Describe the three ways shot placement can stop a threat, to include:

1. Central nervous system
2. Critical blood loss
3. Psychological

IV.

a) Describe the components that may prevent problems and that should be examined during a routine safety inspection

b) Describe the materials, equipment, and environment needed to properly clean firearms

c) Apply routine procedures for cleaning firearms

V.

a) Apply the proper steps for drawing and holstering

b) Demonstrate the following elements to accurately shoot a firearm:

1. Grip
2. Stance
3. Breath control
4. Sight alignment/sight picture
5. Trigger control
6. Follow-through

c) Describe the types of malfunctions and demonstrate clearing methods for:

1. Semiautomatic pistols

2. Revolvers

3. Shotguns

d) Describe limitations officers may encounter when shooting under low light/nighttime conditions

e) Describe conditions an officer may face when in a combat situation

f) Describe possible physiological and psychological responses an officer may experience under the stress of a combat situation

g) Explain steps officers can take to prepare themselves for the extreme stress of combat

VI.

a) State the statutory requirements for the possession and use of chemical agents

b) Describe four methods used to deploy chemical agents

c) Describe environmental and physical conditions that can impact the effectiveness of a chemical agent

d) State the guidelines for safely carrying, drawing, and deploying hand-held canisters of chemical agents

e) Apply decontamination procedures that should be followed after a chemical agent has been used

f) Discuss the physiological and psychological effects of each of the following chemical agents used by peace officers:

1. OC (oleoresin capsicum)

2. CN (chloroacetophenone)

3. CS (ortho-chlorobenzylidene-malononitrile)

g) Demonstrate proper procedures peace officers should follow when using gas masks, to include:

1. Inspection and proper fit

2. Cleaning and storage