



Minnesota Sheriffs' Association  
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## Training Announcement

### Firearms Instructor Course

Hosted by Aitkin County Sheriff's Office

**Range Address: McGregor, MN 55760**

**In-Person Only**

**September 8-12, 2025; 0830-1630 each day**

**(40 POST Credits)**

This week long course is taught by Shane Ball. Shane was a Special Agent with the FBI from 1995-2022. During the course of his career he investigated criminal violations of federal law to include several high profile investigations that resulted in successful prosecution. Starting in 1996, Ball became a member of the FBI SWAT program and progressed through the ranks culminating in a five year posting as the Senior Team Leader of the Minneapolis Division FBI SWAT team that has responsibility for Minnesota and the Dakota's. In addition to significant SWAT specialty training, Ball has extensive training and expertise as a Firearms and Tactical Instructor for both SWAT Operators and the general Agent population. In addition to providing training to FBI personnel, Ball has taught extensively to other Federal Agencies, State and Local Agencies as well as numerous foreign Police organizations.

#### Course Description

This course is designed to teach basic firearm's knowledge, range safety procedures, lesson planning, instructional methods and tactics to identify and correct shooter deficiencies.

This course is designed for any member that has been designated as a Firearms Instructor with your agency.

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**Class Dates:** September 8-12, 2025 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**Class Location:** 403 Meadow Drive, McGregor, MN 55760

**Registration Costs:** \$650 per person

**Preferred lodging:** Cross Roads Hotel, 403 Meadow Drive, McGregor, (218) 768-7378

**Required Equipment:** Pistol w/3 magazines, plus 1,000 rounds of ammunition  
Rifle w/2 magazines, plus 1,000 rounds of ammunition  
Shotgun, Standard duty belt, body armor

To register for this class go to the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association web site at [www.mnsheriffs.org](http://www.mnsheriffs.org) and look under Other Trainings.

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*If you have questions or need further information please contact Heather Stephens, MSA Training Coordinator by email; [hstephens@mnsheriffs.org](mailto:hstephens@mnsheriffs.org) or phone; 651-204-2213.*

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