



**FIREARMS TRAINING INSTITUTE**

**BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

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**GUN HANDLING, MARKSMANSHIP, AND TACTICAL TRAINING COURSES  
IN THE USE OF HANDGUN, SHOTGUN, AND RIFLE. SERVING THE NEEDS  
OF THE FIRST TIME GUN BUYER TO THE COMBAT MASTER.**



## 2 A Message from the Founder and Director of Front Sight Firearms Training Institute:

### Dr. Ignatius Piazza, Four Weapons Combat Master

I would like to thank you for your interest in Front Sight Firearms Training Institute.

You probably have not heard of me before. I'm not a competitive shooter. I have not written any gun articles or published any books. I have not served in the military and I do not have any law enforcement experience. In fact, prior to 1988, I was just your average gun enthusiast. Then one evening, a group of anti-socials drove through my quiet neighborhood and blasted away at everything that represented the fruits of a decent work ethic.

During this random, drive-by shooting spree, I was struck by a sudden and frightening realization. *Although I owned firearms and shot them regularly at the range, I was never taught the skills required to use a gun when it is needed most—to defend one's life.*

This revelation began my quest for training and ultimately placed me under the tutelage of Col. Jeff Cooper, the Father of Modern Pistolcraft and Founder of The American Pistol Institute—previously known as Gunsite. The Colonel's weapon-craft doctrine rang

loud and true for me. After thirteen week-long courses and thousands of hours of practice over a three year period, I held Jeff Cooper's signature on EXPERT certificates in Special Pistol, Shotgun, Carbine, and Rifle courses.

As my expertise developed, Col. Cooper's teachings inspired me to reach others and thus Front Sight Firearms Training Institute was born.

A thirst for additional training and my search for an individual qualified to direct Front Sight's curriculum led me to submachine gun courses taught by Chuck Taylor, who at the time was the only Four Weapons Combat Master in existence.

During the courses, I learned that Chuck was the Operations Manager in the early days at Gunsite under Jeff Cooper. Further inquiry revealed Chuck's credentials and experience to be extremely impressive. What is

even more impressive is Chuck's

ability to impart his knowledge to the class and bring the very best performance out of his students. I know this as fact because following the submachine gun courses, I spent over six months training with Chuck Taylor in an effort to prevail over what many have failed and most won't even attempt—The Four Weapons Combat Master test.

The more I trained with Chuck, the more I realized that his unbending philosophy of training students with only tactically proven techniques bonded perfectly with Front Sight's mission to train the warrior in you and refusing to compromise integrity for commercial or political interests.

I am extremely proud to inform you that on August 28, 1993, I became the second man in the world to secure a Four Weapons Combat Master certificate and later secured Chuck Taylor as Front Sight's Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

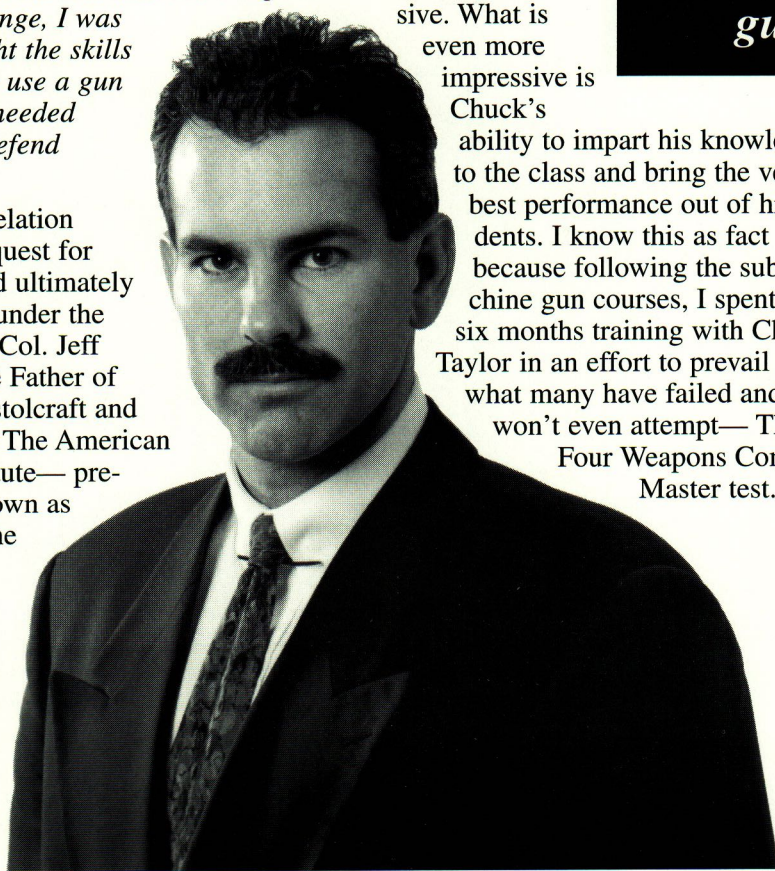
You can count on Chuck lecturing and instructing at every course Front Sight offers. The rest of Front Sight's staff is drawn from law enforcement and military instructors with real life and death tactical experience—personally trained by Jeff Cooper and Chuck Taylor.

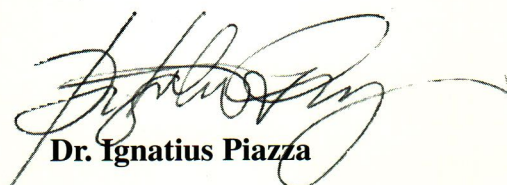
I have shared this information with you to illuminate Front Sight's lineage and from our lineage, give evidence of Front Sight's purpose and dedication.

Whether you just purchased your first firearm and need basic training or have handled guns for years and want to train up to the master level, Front Sight has the curriculum, facilities and instructors to bring out the most—and best in you.

Regardless of what the unenlightened in the world may say, remember this my friend—**you are the weapon and your firearm is just a tool.** Upon graduation, you will fully understand why Front Sight's motto is, **"Any gun will do—if you will do!"**

*I started at the bottom and trained to the top with the best in the world. Now you can too, if you so desire. Front Sight will more than satisfy your expectations or I will pay for your training. You have my personal guarantee.*



  
Dr. Ignatius Piazza



## Front Sight's Director of Curriculum and Instruction

### The "Master's Master" Chuck Taylor

The only Four Weapons Combat Master in existence prior to 1993, Chuck Taylor earned his title in March of 1981 by being the first man in the world to successfully complete the near impossible course of fire using iron-sighted, unmodified pistol, shotgun, rifle, and submachine gun.

The "Master's Master" as he is respectfully referred to by the thousands of students he has trained over the years, Chuck Taylor began his combat weapons training in the military, where he earned EXPERT ratings with the M-1911 .45 pistol; M-1, M-14, and M-16 rifles; M-60 machine gun and M-79 40mm grenade launcher.

Airborne, Air-Assault, and RANGER qualified, Chuck Taylor's decorated combat tours left him with the real-world, tactical perspective of those who have spilled blood in battle. Chuck added to his wealth of experience by training Special Operations units in the United States, Europe, Africa, Latin America and the Philippines as well as law enforcement and military personnel from over 100 agencies including SWAT, Counter-Terrorism, and

the Tactical Response Teams for three consecutive Olympic Games.

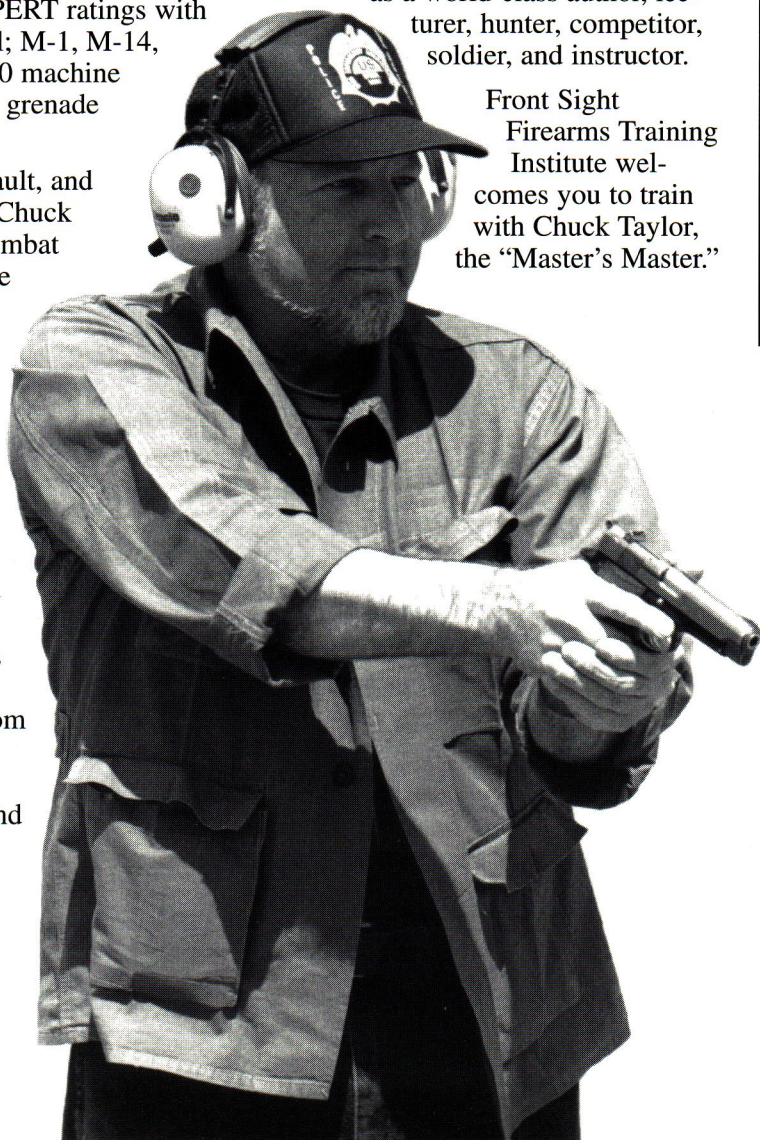
Known as one of the best trainers in the world, Chuck Taylor's training techniques are in use internationally. Most recently, his Handgun and Assault Rifle techniques were formally adopted by the Swiss Army.

An experienced Big-Game hunter in North America and Africa, Chuck holds a dozen record animals acquired with rifle and handgun.

Chuck Taylor has written over 1000 articles dealing with Weapons and Tactics, Wound Ballistics, Special Operations and Big-Game Hunting. He has authored three books: *The Complete Book of Combat Handgunning*, *The Fighting Rifle*, and *The Combat Shotgun and Submachine Gun*.

Chuck Taylor is one of a select few. A man who has distinguished himself as a world-class author, lecturer, hunter, competitor, soldier, and instructor.

Front Sight  
Firearms Training  
Institute welcomes you to train with Chuck Taylor, the "Master's Master."



*"Over the four years I've known Ignatius Piazza, our relationship has existed as student / teacher, then as friends, and now as business associates. During this time, he has consistently demonstrated the highest degree of integrity."*

*"When he approached me to assist him in developing the best firearms training facility in the world, I was delighted, and immediately accepted. Together, we are completing the task."*

*Chuck Taylor*



## TWO DAY DEFENSIVE HANDGUN

Lecture and firing range drills efficiently combined to give student a fundamental understanding and proficiency in the defensive use of the handgun.

### Weapon, Equipment, and

**Ammunition Requirements:** Any legally owned revolver or auto-loading pistol .38 caliber / .380 ACP or larger that is in safe operating condition with trigger guard intact, and a secure holster worn on a waist belt. Two spare magazines for auto-loading pistols or two speed loaders for revolvers with appropriate holders. Ear and eye protection, knee pads, elbow pads, and hat. 300 rounds of new, factory made ammunition. A spare handgun with holster is highly recommended in the event that your primary firearm breaks during the course.

**Lecture Topics Include:** Deadly Force and the Law; Crisis Management; Weapon, Ammunition, and Holster Selection; Handgun Stopping Power; Tactics; Mental Conditioning; Shoot / No Shoot Decision Making; and Shooting Aftermath.

**Firing Range Drills Include:** Checking Weapon Condition, Loading, and Unloading; Grip, Stance, Sights, and Trigger Control; Weapon Presentation from Ready and Holster; Target Engagement from point blank to 15 meters under time pressure; Failure To Stop; Speed and Tactical Reloading; Malfunction Clearing; and Tactical Simulator Introduction.

**Cost: \$300.00**

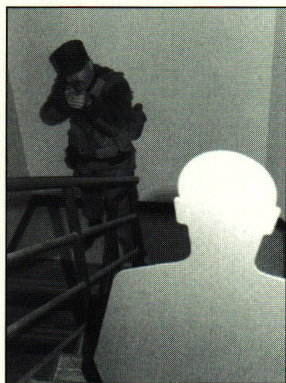
## TWO DAY TACTICAL SHOTGUN

Lecture and firing range drills efficiently combined to give student a fundamental understanding and proficiency in the tactical use of the shotgun.

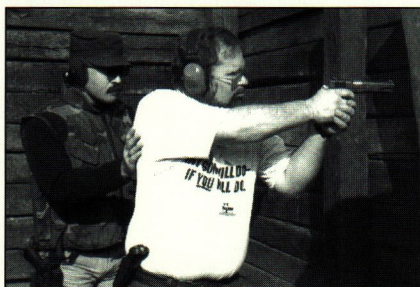
### Weapon, Equipment, and

**Ammunition Requirements:** Any legally owned, pump-action or auto-loading shotgun in 12 or 20 gauge that is in safe operating condition with trigger guard intact and a sling attached for safe carry. Ear and eye protection, knee pads, elbow pads, and hat. 100 rounds of new, factory made 2 3/4" Birdshot, 100 rounds of new, factory made 2 3/4" 00 buckshot, and 25 rounds of new, factory made 2 3/4" slug ammunition. A spare shotgun with sling is highly recommended in the event that your primary firearm breaks during the course.

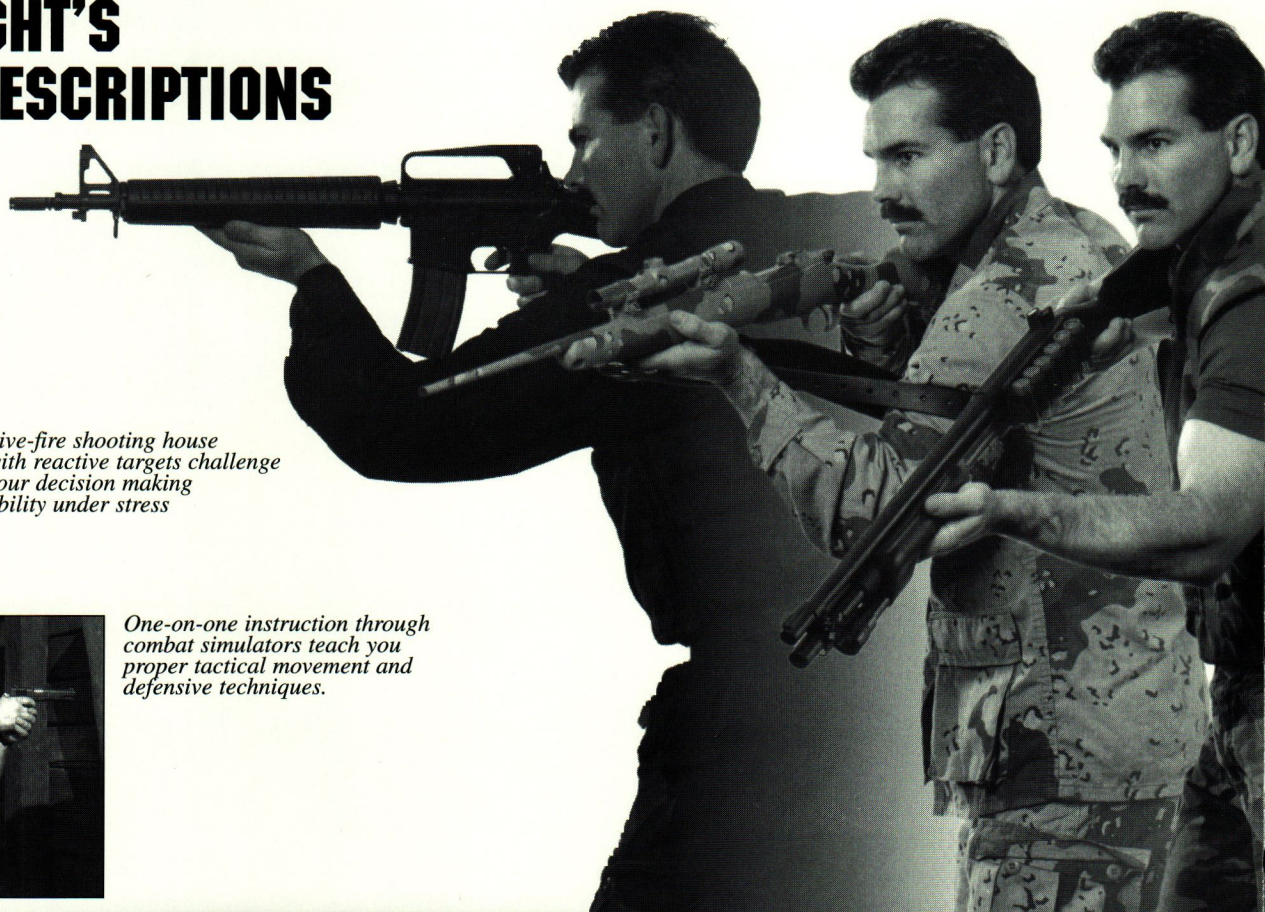
## FRONT SIGHT'S COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



*Live-fire shooting house with reactive targets challenge your decision making ability under stress*



*One-on-one instruction through combat simulators teach you proper tactical movement and defensive techniques.*



# ANY GUN WILL DO



**Lecture Topics Include:** Deadly Force and the Law; Crisis Management; History and Development of the Combat Shotgun including the myths, realities, assets, and liabilities of a shotgun's utility; Weapon and Ammunition Selection; Tactics; Mental Conditioning; Shoot / No Shoot Decision Making; and Shooting Aftermath.

**Firing Range Drills Include:** Checking Weapon Condition, Loading and Unloading; Firing Stance; Carry Positions; Patterning; Offhand, Kneeling, Sitting, and Close Range Emergency Shooting Positions; Target Engagement from 7 to 25 meters under time pressure; Tactical Reloading; Select Slug Drill with firing out to 50 meters; Malfunction Clearing; and Tactical Simulator Introduction.

**Cost: \$300.00**

## TWO DAY PRACTICAL RIFLE

Lecture and firing range drills efficiently combined to give student a fundamental understanding and proficiency in the practical use of the rifle.

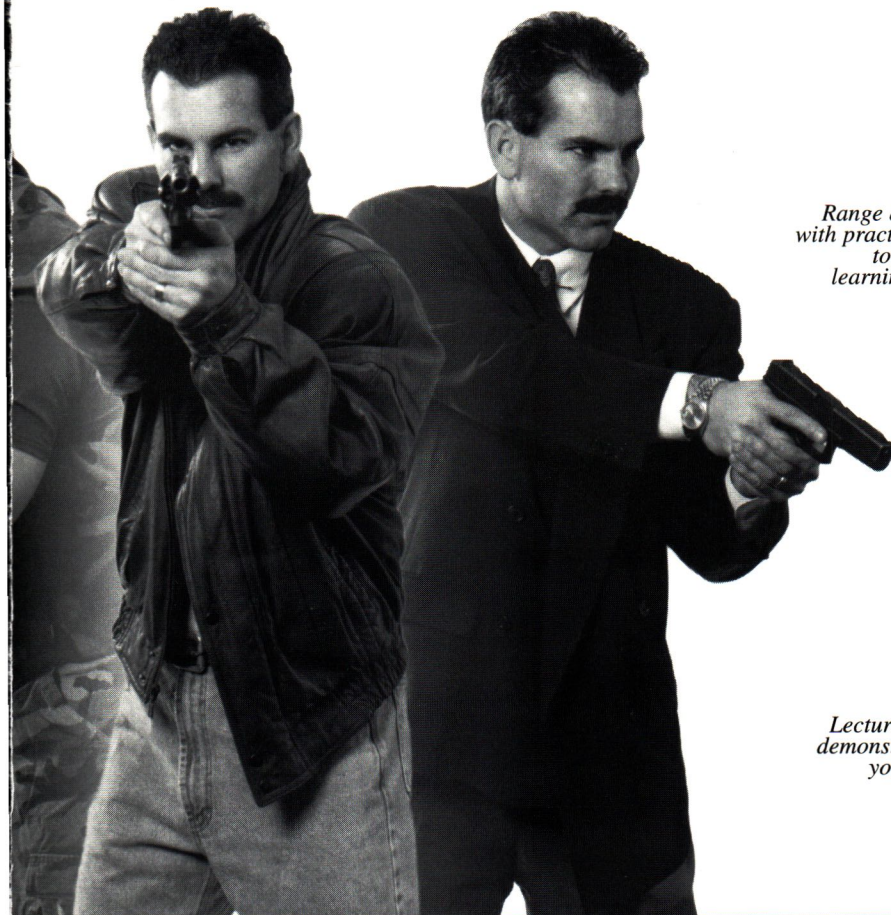
### Weapon, Equipment, and Ammunition Requirements:

Any legally owned, bolt-action, pump-action, lever-action, or auto-loading centerfire rifle of .223 caliber or larger that is in safe operating condition with trigger guard intact and sling attached for safe carry. Two spare magazines and holders or equivalent ammunition carriers. Ear and eye protection, knee pads, elbow pads, and hat. 200 rounds of new, factory centerfire ammunition. A spare rifle with sling is highly recommended in the event that your primary firearm breaks during the course.

**Lecture Topics Include:** Deadly Force and the Law; Crisis Management; Mission of the Fighting Rifle; Weapon and Ammunition Selection; Sight Acquisition, Sight Alignment, Sight Picture, and Trigger Control; Carrying Positions including High Ready, Rhodesian Ready, and Low Ready, Field Positions including Offhand, Kneeling, Squat, Sitting, and Prone; Mental Conditioning; and Tactics.

**Firing Range Drills Include:** Checking Weapon Condition, Loading, and Unloading; Sight Acquisition, Sight Alignment, Sight Picture, and Trigger Control; Rapid Assumption of Field Shooting Positions from varied carrying positions; Target Engagement from 3 to 200 meters under time pressure; Targets at Odd Angles; Small Targets at Close Range; Tactical Reloading; Malfunction Clearing; and Tactical Simulator Introduction

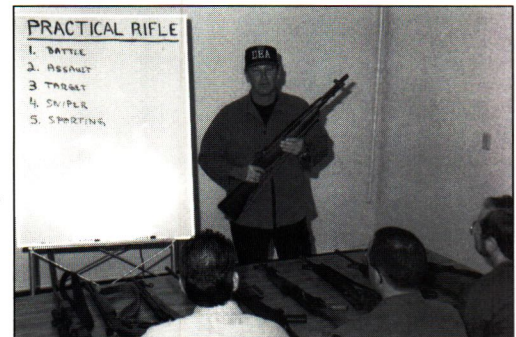
**Cost: \$300.00**



*Range drills combine with practical scenarios to enhance your learning experience.*



*Lectures include hands on demonstrations to complete your understanding of material presented*



# — IF YOU WILL DO.



- 6 **For your convenience, Front Sight efficiently combines 5 days of training into a challenging 4 day weekend format. Distinguished graduation from 4 day courses qualifies you for entry into Front Sight's Specialized Training Program.**

### **FOUR DAY DEFENSIVE HANDGUN**

Lecture, firing range drills, and equipment requirements as outlined in the Two-Day Handgun Course Description.

Ammunition requirements increase to 600 rounds as Day Three and Day Four increase the student's proficiency and speed of target engagement out to 50 meters.

Heavy emphasis on Concealed Carry Presentation and Tactical Training Simulation using reactive steel targets, moving targets, and shoot / no-shoot targets in a variety of scenarios.

Course includes Distinguished Graduate Skills Test and Single Elimination Shoot-Off

**Cost: \$600.00**

### **FOUR DAY TACTICAL SHOTGUN**

Lecture, firing range drills, and equipment requirements as outlined in the Two-Day Shotgun Course Description.

Ammunition requirements increase to 200 rounds of new, factory made 2 3/4" Birdshot, 200 rounds of new, factory made 2 3/4" 00 buckshot, and 100 rounds of new, factory made 2 3/4" slug ammunition as Day Three and Day Four increase the student's proficiency and speed of target engagement.

Heavy emphasis on Tactical Training Simulation using reactive steel targets, moving targets, and shoot / no-shoot targets in a variety of scenarios. Slug firing out to 100 meters.

Course includes Distinguished Graduate Skills Test and Single Elimination Shoot-Off.

**Cost: \$600.00**

### **FOUR DAY PRACTICAL RIFLE**

Lecture, firing range drills, and equipment requirements as outlined in the Two-Day Rifle Course Description.

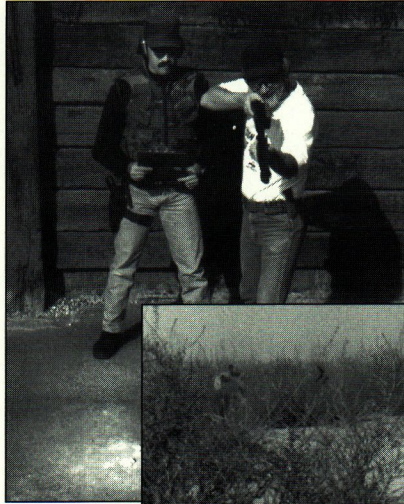
Ammunition requirements increase to 400 rounds as Day Three and Day Four increase the student's ability to secure first round hits on targets appropriate to his weapon, at unknown distances, from improvised positions, against the clock.

Heavy emphasis on Tactical Training Simulation using reactive steel targets, moving targets, and shoot / no-shoot targets in a variety of scenarios.

Course includes Distinguished Graduate Skills Test and Single Elimination Shoot-Off

**Cost: \$600.00**

*Degree of difficulty through the shooting house increases to keep pace with your developing tactical skills.*



*Live-fire shooting house is used in shotgun and rifle courses to teach you the proper method of room to room clearing and short-range target engagement*



*Outdoor tactical training simulators test your ability to identify and hit camouflaged reactive steel targets*

*Repetitive range drills build your speed and accuracy*



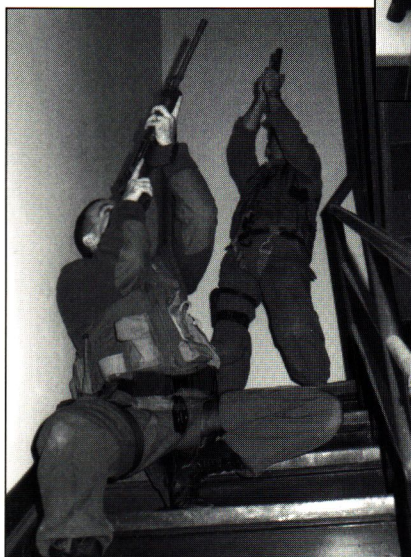
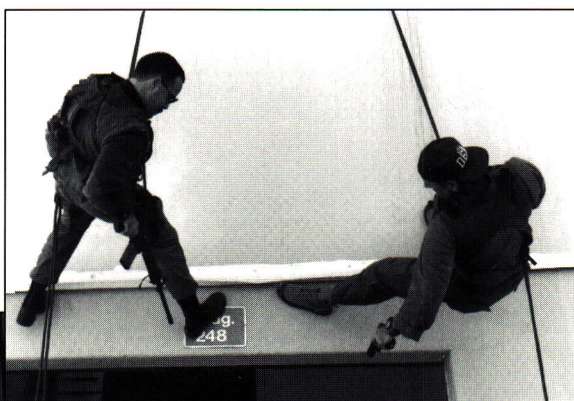
## FRONT SIGHT'S SPECIALIZED TRAINING PROGRAM

*Front Sight offers highly specialized training courses using handgun, shotgun, and rifle in the two-day and four-day format with heavy emphasis on live-fire tactical training simulation. These courses are offered by invitation only to those students who distinguish themselves in the previous course listings.*



*Long Range Precision Rifle*

*Special Operations*



*Team Tactics*

## FRONT SIGHT'S LOCATION

Front Sight Firearms Training Institute is located at the Global Security Complex, a 640 acre training facility just 15 minutes south of Bakersfield off Highway 99. Paved roads lead you to the front door of the facility and throughout the Complex. Food and lodging establishments are conveniently located nearby. Upon receipt of your completed training application and course fees, a map and list of motels catering to Front Sight students will be sent to you along with your enrollment confirmation materials.

## FRONT SIGHT'S FACILITIES

Front Sight Firearms Training Institute features all the facilities required for small arms tactical training, including but not limited to: Climate Controlled Classrooms; Handgun, Shotgun, and Rifle ranges; Shooting House; Three Story Tactical Training Tower; Indoor and Outdoor Tactical Training Simulators; Long Range, Precision Rifle Training Simulators. All tactical simulators involve live fire.

## FRONT SIGHT'S COURSE DATES FOR 1996

For your convenience, Front Sight Firearms Training Institute offers you the opportunity to enroll in Handgun, Shotgun, and Rifle courses on a two-day and four-day format.

Two-day courses are held on Saturday and Sunday.

Four day-courses are held on Friday through Monday.

All courses begin at 8:00 AM each day and finish into the evening, with selected courses involving night shooting exercises.

### Dates for the two-day courses are as follows:

April 13, 14	July 13, 14	Oct. 26, 27
May 4, 5	Aug. 3, 4	Nov. 16, 17
June 8, 9	Sept. 14, 15	Dec. 7, 8

### Dates for the four-day courses are as follows:

April 26-29	July 26-29	Oct. 11-14
May 10-13	Aug. 23-26	Nov. 8-11
June 21-24	Sept. 27-30	Dec. 13-16



# FRONT SIGHT FIREARMS TRAINING INSTITUTE

## APPLICATION FOR INSTRUCTION

To be considered for acceptance into Front Sight Firearms Training Institute courses, this application must be filled out completely, including the Credentials Section and sent with full payment and a copy of your driver's license. Front Sight reserves the right to deny training to anyone for any reason. In the event that an application is not accepted, the course fee will be promptly refunded in full.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Person to contact in the event of an emergency \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Name as you wish it to appear on your course certificate \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt size M L XL  
List most recent training courses, with dates of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

### COURSE SELECTION

Please indicate the course you are applying for by writing the appropriate description, length, date, and cost in the section below.

Handgun, Shotgun, or Rifle \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate Two-Day or Four-Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Front Sight Management, Inc. and attach to application or write your credit card information in the space provided:

Visa or MasterCard No. \_\_\_\_\_ Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

For administration purposes, an application must be completed for each course. For those wishing to reserve more than one course at a time, a copy of this application filled out completely with full payment attached is acceptable.

### STATEMENT OF NO CRIMINAL RECORD, MENTAL ILLNESS, OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

By my signature on this application, I state that I have no criminal convictions, am not currently under indictment or prosecution for any offense, and am not wanted for questioning or arrest by any law enforcement or government agency. I further state that I have no history of mental illness or substance abuse. I understand that my training may be terminated at any time during the course if my actions are not deemed appropriate by Front Sight's staff. Upon arriving at the course, I agree to sign a document releasing Front Sight Firearms Training Institute from any liability that may occur during the course of training or thereafter. I understand that my tuition is non-refundable without 60 days advance notice of cancellation.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CHARACTER WITNESS STATEMENT

The following Character Reference Statement must be completed and signed by a respected member of the applicant's community who has known the applicant for at least five years and is not a member of the applicant's immediate family.

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that I have known \_\_\_\_\_ for at least five  
Character Witness full, legal name Applicant's full, legal name  
years and can attest to the good, moral character of the applicant. I have no knowledge of any criminal activity, mental illness, or substance abuse by the applicant. I recommend applicant for training in the use of deadly weapons without hesitation or reservation.

Character Witness Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or fax completed application with payment in full to administrative offices:

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