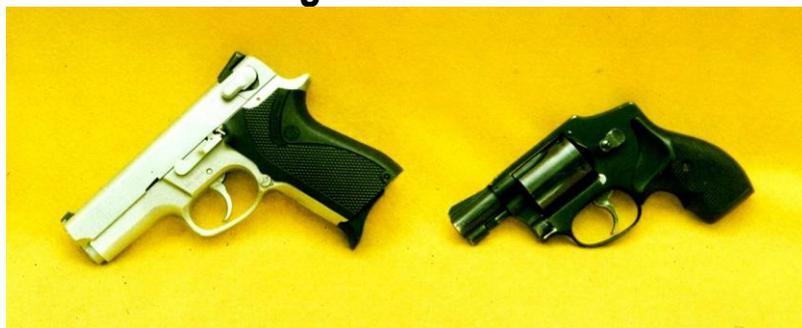


## **Defensive Handgun 1 Course**



*Date APRIL 6 and 7, 2018*

Location CLASSROOM- WESTMINSTER PD. RANGE: NORCO SPORTSMAN'S CLUB, 91 HOUGHTON RD., PRINCETON, MA 01541

Cost \$150.00, Norco Member \$125 (3+ hours classroom and 8 hours range)

To register or get more information, send an e-mail to: [bwanajoe16@yahoo.com](mailto:bwanajoe16@yahoo.com) or [wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com](mailto:wachusettfirearmstraining@yahoo.com) or call 978 464 2776

Prerequisites None

### Topics to be covered

- Firearms Safety
- Safe Storage Rules
- Ammunition
- Shooting Fundamentals
- Basic Marksmanship
- Loading and Unloading
- Reloading: Emergency and Tactical
- Ready Positions
- Steps of the Draw
- Malfunction Clearance

### Students will provide

- Handgun
  - Strong-side belt holster
  - 300 rounds full power ammunition
  - 2 extra reloading devices with carrier
  - Wrap around eye protection
  - Ear protection
  - Baseball cap
  - Clothing appropriate for weather
  - Bag lunch
  - Note taking material.
- At successful completion of course, attendees will receive a certificate and letter detailing the training session.

REFERENCES, INFO ON PRIVATE LESSONS AND OTHER CLASSES AVAILABLE

Student comments

I recently completed a class with J.P., for defensive handgun 1. Joe, the instructor is very effective in conveying skill and technique based on his years as a teacher, instructor, and member of the law enforcement community. His practical experience and his enthusiasm to teach and make students confident and proficient made my experience fun and rewarding. I plan to take more courses with Joe because the class is about the student being successful and I know I can learn a lot more, to develop and retain the skills. The class is well paced and it featured a full day on the range, putting me and the other students through many skill building drills to use after the class is over. He is generous with his time, his resources, and his knowledge. In my opinion, this is central Mass best kept secret for gun enthusiasts wanting to become better!

Wayne Adams, civilian student

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I recently participated in a "Defensive Handgun 1" course instructed by Joe Picariello at the Norco Sportman's club in Princeton. I went into this class with little experience and was slightly nervous about being such a novice. The class consisted of two trainings. One being a classroom training and the other being a hands on at the firing range.

Joe's easygoing way of teaching and his expansive knowledge of firearms and firearms tactics made the classroom training very interesting and extremely informative. The second part of the class was conducted at the shooting range and again, his calm, informative training lead to a very successful day of shooting and gave me the confidence to feel comfortable and confident while handling and firing my handgun.

I would very highly recommend this class to anyone interested in learning more about handguns. I plan on attending future classes with Joe and again, highly recommend anyone who handles a firearm to do the same.

Thank you Joe!!

Amy Reed

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My husband and I recently took Joe Picariello's Defensive Handgun 1 class. This class consisted of 4 hours classroom time and 8 hours range time. The classroom portion was very informative and Joe kept it interactive with stories as well as much group participation.

Throughout the class and range time, Joe consistently stressed and reiterated safety measures regarding our handguns. He took the time to individualize the aspects of the different guns of each of the students.

Within the first 20 minutes of range time, Joe taught me a proper grip and walked me through the correct sequence of firing my firearm to ensure consistent and accurate shooting. The many different drills that Joe walked us through helped to not only ensure accurate shooting, but created a level of comfort with my firearm that I was missing.

I absolutely recommend Joe's classes to anyone looking to further their shooting skills and I look forward to taking another class soon.

Thank You,

Robin Springfield

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May 31, 2016

I wanted to thank you for the class a few weeks ago. I have to say going into the class I was wondering what could possibly take us 12 hours - 4 classroom and 8 on the range. After completing the class I was extremely happy that I invested the time. The class not only taught me many of the basics that I did not understand but gave me the opportunity to become comfortable with the safe operation of my gun as well as to develop a much needed level of confidence.

Lisa Christian

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My experiences with Wachusett Firearms Training- Defensive Handgun 1

Although I have 20 plus years of firearms experience, I am always looking to improve. I also wanted to make sure I was employing a solid set of handgun fundamentals as well as the reinforcement of basic concepts in a defensive scenario, as well as safety, safety, safety.

Mr. Picariello is an excellent instructor who can explain and convey concepts very effectively. He has a very engaging personality and his even demeanor makes both the classroom and range instruction easy to follow and understand. Mr. Picariello always places a very high emphasis on safely conducting drills and exercises and safe firearm handling practices in general.

I look forward to taking more classes with Mr. Picariello in the near future as I feel he creates an excellent learning environment and has much to offer students.

Tomas Maestas

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I have been working with Joe since 2014 when I went to take the course to obtain my LTC. I had never even held a pistol at this point in my life, but felt strongly that firearm safety is something everyone should know. I decided to take a few private lessons through Joe. Followed by DH1, DH2, and DH3. With each course I became more comfortable with handling firearms and more confident in myself knowing that I can handle a firearm safely. Joe is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to firearms and always goes above and beyond for his students.

Joe was able to take me from being petrified, (I'm talking shaking and sweating during the LTC class) to now being able to clear a jam, reload, fire on the move, fire one handed, and even from the ground!! (That was awesome!!) Those are just a few of the skills you'll obtain while working with Joe. I can't thank Joe enough for everything I've learned from him, he has truly changed my entire outlook on firearms. I can't wait to see what classes he'll be putting together in the future. I plan to attend as many as possible.

Jocelyn Taber 1/11/17

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March, 2017

In November 2015, we completed the MA License-to-Carry class led by Instructor Joe Picariello. After receiving our licenses, we followed with the DH1 Defensive Handgun class. At the time, we both had very limited experience with a handgun and owned one pistol. Mr. Picariello loaned us one of his pistols so that we could both take the DH1 class at the same time. We both plan to take his follow-on courses including the DH2 class in May.

Mr. Picariello is an excellent and enthusiastic instructor, taking time with each student to explain handgun fundamentals very clearly while continually emphasizing handgun safety. His knowledge and practical experience as an instructor and member of the law enforcement community give the students confidence that they are learning what is actually needed for safe and effective handling of a firearm. He insists that every student understand what they should be doing with activities go as planned and, more importantly, when they don't go as expected. Mr. Picariello's first-hand knowledge

of the pros and cons of various handgun models has also helped several students in their particular selections.

The DH1 course began with four hours of classroom instruction followed by a full eight-hour day of drills and exercises at a local gun range. The class pace was excellent for students of both beginner and intermediate skill levels. He took the time to individualize the training for each student, pointing out the subtle differences between their particular handgun and other similar guns. He worked with each student on specific problems and on proper stance, grip, aiming, and reloading. One student had a mechanical problem with their handgun, and he loaned one of his guns for the remainder of the class.

The detailed write-up provided after the class was completed has been very helpful for both reviewing the details of the various drills and for continuing to our improve skill levels and confidence on our own.

We highly recommend Joe Picariello' s classes to anyone who wants to be sure that they not only understand but are actually doing what is correct for safe and effect handling of a firearm.

Wayne Haase, Electrical Engineer

Cindy Haase, Teacher

Sterling, MA

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Dear Joe,

I just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for the training programs you have been putting on. I have attended DH-1, DH2, DH3, and your night shoot training. I' m also looking forward to participating in DH4. As a matter of fact, I can' t wait! I always look forward to advancing to the next course you put on.

I have been shooting for decades and I never realized that there was this type of superlative training out there without having to travel outside of New England! The courses you teach raise the bar on shooting skills. The style of teaching you use is not only informative, "real world" scenarios, but you also make it fun while your students are learning.

The classes I have participated in had students ranging from “rookies” to “old timers” and in between. The one thing they all had in common at the completion of your course was a greater feeling of confidence in their new and existing skill sets.

Looking forward to seeing you in DH4

Thank you for making me a better shooter!

Best Regards,

Bob Hager