



First Responders Academy - Law Enforcement Academy

Patrol Rifle Operator Course #3322

32 Hours • November 9-12, 2026, • 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: First Responders Academy

15775 IH 35 South, Atascosa, TX 78002 (Exit 139, IH-35 S)

Course Topics

Firearms Safety

- Universal firearms safety rules
- Safe handling procedures specific to the AR-15 patrol rifle
- Range safety and duty considerations

Rifle History & Platform Familiarization

- Evolution and history of the AR-15 platform
- Patrol rifle nomenclature and component identification
- Function and operation of the AR-15 system

Zeroing & Ballistics

- Understanding common patrol rifle zero distances
- Mechanical offset and holdover concepts
- Basic external ballistics
- Maximum effective range and practical application

Fundamentals of Marksmanship

- The seven fundamentals of rifle marksmanship
- Accuracy and precision at varying distances
- Duty-ready shooting techniques

Weapon Manipulation

- Administrative loading and unloading
- Emergency reloads
- Tactical reloads
- Efficient rifle handling under stress

Rifle-to-Pistol Transitions

- Safe and efficient transition techniques
- Immediate response to rifle stoppages
- Weapon management during dynamic situations

Malfunction Recognition & Clearance

- Identifying common AR-15 malfunctions
- Immediate action procedures

- Remedial action drills
- Building confidence in maintaining the rifle in the fight

Movement & Positional Shooting

- Engaging threats while moving
- Shooting from multiple positions
- Balance, mobility, and accuracy under realistic conditions

Barricade & Cover Techniques

- Effective use of cover
- Shooting from barricades and unconventional positions
- Minimizing exposure while maintaining accuracy

Patrol Rifle Maintenance

- Field stripping and inspection
- Cleaning procedures
- Lubrication and preventive maintenance
- Equipment inspection for duty readiness

Students Will Develop Skills In

- Safe operation of the AR-15 patrol rifle
- Duty-ready weapon handling
- Efficient reloads and malfunction clearance
- Accurate target engagement from various distances
- Rifle-to-pistol transitions
- Shooting while moving and from cover
- Maintaining and inspecting a duty rifle for operational readiness

Designed For

- Patrol Officers
- School Resource Officers
- Tactical Team Members
- Firearms Instructors
- Officers assigned or transitioning to a patrol rifle program

Course Summary

This course emphasizes safe gun handling, efficient weapon manipulation, practical marksmanship, and realistic law enforcement applications to prepare officers for the demands of modern patrol operations.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT

- **Students must bring:**
- AR-15
- Duty gear
- Eye and ear protection
- 100 rounds pistol ammunition
- 800 rounds AR ammunition
- Sling

- Iron sights (required); Optic (optional)
 - Minimum three (3) AR magazines
 - Magazine holder/ammunition transport
 - Weapon-mounted light
 - Body armor
 - Cleaning kit
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REGISTRATION

To sign up, please email: sac-lea@alamo.edu or online calendar.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Course fee: **\$150.00**

. Payment is due on the first day of class. Accepted forms of payment include:

- Credit Card
- Debit Card
- Cash (Exact Amount Only)
- Cashier's Check
- Personal Check
- Agency Check
- Money Order

Make it payable to: SAC First Responders Academy

TRAINING DETAILS

Date(s): November 9-12, 2026

Time: 8a-5p

Instructor: A. Flowers and M. Archilla