

Ranger Excellence School 2012 Course Descriptions

CPR/AED Re-Certification (Monday, May 14th, Morning)

Heartsaver CPR AED is a classroom, video-based, instructor-led course that teaches adult CPR and AED use, as well as how to relieve choking on an adult. This course teaches skills with AHA's research-proven Practice-While-Watching (PWW) technique, which allows instructors to observe the students, provide feedback and guide the students' learning of skills.

Medical Emergency Management (Monday, May 14th, Morning or Afternoon)

These types of calls can be quickly changing high stress incidents. Are you set up to triage and work trauma patients? This class will cover basic elements for the responding ranger to consider while en route and after arrival on fire and medical emergencies. Practice patient stabilization, backboarding, and work through a few scenarios!

Critical Incidents and Incident Command (Monday, May 14th, Morning or Afternoon)

A brief introduction into the incident command system, allocating resources, and radio communications. Have your framework in place before the big one hits!

Tactical Navigation (Monday, May 14th Morning and Afternoon)

From a day in the park, to a night in the wilderness. Tac-Nav will cover many general and specific land navigation skills that will get you in and out alive. Some of the skills that will be covered will include how to use a map and compass. Further instruction will consist of modern day technology, such as GPS and smart phone applications. This class will include field simulations, so please dress accordingly. Also, if you have a compass, GPS, or other navigation tool, feel free to bring it.
"Train like you fight – Fight like you train"

A Culture of Character (Monday, May 14th, Afternoon)

A foundation of character and ethics for your ranger team. Ever wish for a team free of slackers and negativity? In class we will speak to team leaders and team members about creating a strong culture of character in your program. Whether the team is assembled for a one time mission or your daily work group we will discuss principles to build immediate trust and cohesiveness. This class will focus on character, ethics, who to assign project elements to and how to avoid the trap of starting over time and time again.

Verbal Judo (Tuesday, May 15th, Morning or Wednesday, May 16th, Afternoon)

This class will cover verbal tactics for safety, courtesy and professionalism. The best weapon you can carry is not on your belt. Learn what never to say and how to tell it like it is and remain employed Monday morning!

Introduction to Self Defense for Rangers (Tuesday, May 15th, Morning or

Afternoon) You are on a trail talking to a trail user about his dog off leash, and he is becoming increasingly irate. You have tried to talk him down but nothing you say is working. Suddenly he lunges towards you and punches you ...what do you do next? It might have happened to you or it might not have happened YET, but as rangers we need to know how to deal with these threats when they do happen. This class, based on the principles of Krav Maga, will prepare the ranger to defend themselves and fellow rangers against common types of attacks.

Ranger Danger! (Tuesday, May 15th, Morning or Afternoon)

This course is designed for officers in the Natural Resource fields. Students will learn the latest information in human dimensions and how modern society interacts in outdoor environments. This course will teach students how to assess threats to visitors, natural resources and themselves. Students will be able to identify commonly used safety tactics on enforcement contacts. Students will also learn to recognize some of the risks experienced during lone officer contacts and gain exposure to commonly used tactics to help reduce the risks associated with those contacts. Students will also learn modern threats affecting the outdoor recreation arena and help prepare for ways to reduce those threats. Other topics will include gangs, narcotics and dealing with the mentally ill.

Firearms Familiarization (Tuesday, May 15th, Morning)

This course will teach you to control your immediate environment when firearms are involved. You'll learn gun identification, gun handling, crime scene security and officer safety. In firearms familiarization you will receive a solid exposure to various firearms, range work, lectures and scenarios. You will receive hands on experience in gun handling and shooting a wide variety of firearms. Through our systematic and dynamic teaching methodology you will achieve a new level competence in firearms handling. You will emerge a stronger, more alert person, conditioned to respond instantly to any firearms situation.

Requirements: None

Ranger CSI (Tuesday, May 15th, Afternoon)

Initial scene protection is often our role in the event of a major crime or incident. This class will help you win over the investigators with a well preserved scene. This class will also show rangers basic evidence handling and collection.

Law and Order "How to Avoid the Courtroom" (Tuesday, May 15th, Afternoon or Wednesday, May 16th, Afternoon)

You have made a good case, now make it stick. Learn the basics surrounding Search and Seizure Law, Courtroom Testimony, and Report Writing . How to ask the right questions the right way when conducting an interview. This class will make sure the right person ends up in jail and that the good guys win because of a professionally presented case.

Wilderness First Responder Re-Certification/Wilderness First Aid Certification (Wednesday and Thursday, May 16th and 17th, All Day Both Days)

Fast paced and hands-on, scenario based, this two day course covers a wide range of wilderness topics for those of us who work outdoors. This course may be used to certify Wilderness First Aid, or to recertify Wilderness First Responder, Wilderness Advanced First Aid and Wilderness EMT (wilderness portion only) certifications. You must possess a valid certification form WMI, SOLO or WMA to recertify through this course. Participants using the WFA to recertify their WFR need to pass both a written and a practical test. (from <http://www.nols.edu/wmi/courses/>)

OC Spray Certification Class (Wednesday, May 16th, All Day)

Get certified to carry OC pepper spray AKA "mace" and learn why the "hot sauce" is still a valuable tool.

Vehicle Contacts (Wednesday, May 16th, Morning)

This course is designed for current professionals in the Natural Resource and Recreation Management field. Students will learn the latest techniques in low and high risk vehicle contacts. Our instructors will teach modern officer safety principles for natural resource officers that interact with society in outdoor environments. This course will teach students how to safely make vehicle contacts in a wide range of field situations. Students will be able to demonstrate commonly used safety tactics on vehicle enforcement contacts. Students will also learn to recognize some of the risks experienced during vehicle contacts and gain exposure to commonly used tactics to help reduce the risks associated with those contacts. Students will learn modern techniques in alcohol detection and how to deal with intoxicated people.

Wildlife Crimes (Wednesday, May 16th, Morning)

Is there something else going on here? Wildlife outlaws can be some of the most clever violators. Learn how to detect some of the indicators of a wildlife crime and learn when to rely on the resources of fellow agencies.

Boating Safety (Thursday, May 17th, All Day)

This is an introductory class for safe boat handling for the first responder. We often launch our boats when others are coming off, this class will make sure you are prepared on the water no matter what the mission.

Tactical Firearms (Thursday, May 17th, All Day)

Tactical Firearms is a natural follow-up to what is learned in your past firearms class. In Tactical Firearms we review the Tactical Pistol and Long Gun material and quickly proceed on to advanced gun-handling skills. Then we push you for faster time-on-target. You will shoot on the move and on moving target arrays, and you will greatly increase your tactical skills. You will train in more exciting scenarios, both speed and complexity. In this class we introduce force-on-force training. You will use non-lethal munitions to solve problems involving walking, talking, thinking “bad guys”! It’s the most realistic training offered anywhere, and we want you to have the very best! This is a great class for recurrent training, to polish skills that have eroded since your last class.

Requirements: You must be a POST certified officer working for a government agency. 200 rounds of rifle ammo and 200 rounds of pistol ammo. If you are only using a pistol then you’ll need 400 rounds of ammo.

Black Belt, Green Pants Ranger Self Defense II (Thursday, May 17th, Morning)

You are in a campground talking to a large group about noise for the second time, and most in the group are intoxicated. A possible gang member suddenly tackles you to the ground reaching for the weapons on your belt...what do you do? Maybe you’ve already taken a basic self defense and want more or you realize the inherent danger of being out in the field by yourself without backup. Now you need an advanced level of defense. This class prepares the ranger for defense against advanced attacking techniques, ground fighting tactics, and weapon attacks.

Expandable Baton Certification (Thursday, May 17th, Afternoon)

A discrete tool that provides big protection, get certified with an expandable baton in this dynamic self defense class.

Helicopter Evacuations (Thursday, May 17th, Evening)

This class will cover basic considerations for creating and designating helicopter landing zones. The class will outline the critical information to communicate to pilots of in bound helicopters. Once on the ground we will cover in detail helicopter safety, take a tour of the helicopter and review the procedures for loading patients.

Practical Training Scenarios (Friday, May 18th, All Day)

Put your skills to the test in this full day session of life-like scenarios. The first half of the day will be a larger group discussion on putting all of the knowledge and skills gained over the past week to work. The afternoon class will be divided into smaller groups which will rotate through a series of stations. Each station will have experienced staff actors playing the part of park and open space visitors, injured patients, gang members, drunkards, and other characters rangers might come in contact with. Get your heart pumping and be prepared when you encounter these situations in the real world.