

We are an ACT 235 Certified School

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that any person wishing to become a certified security officer or is privately employed and is required, as a condition of employment, to carry a lethal weapon, must participate in a 40 hour Basic Certification Course which is the Act 235 Lethal Weapons Program.

The program content covers a basic explanation of the provisions of the Lethal Weapons Training Act, the Private Detective Act of 1953 and its revisions, as well as, a basic understanding of several PA Crimes Code sections and the Justification of Use of Force and how it applies to the rights of citizens under the 1st, 4th, 5th, 9th, and 14th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution. Participants will also undergo hands-on skills training in handcuffing, disarming and weapons retention as well as firearms safety, firearms familiarization and firearms qualification.

Our Act 235 Instructors are certified by the Pennsylvania State Police in Basic Academic Instruction, Defensive Tactics-Skills Training. Collectively, they have over 200 years of military, law enforcement and instructional experience. We know Act 235.

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Lethal Weapons Training Programs



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ACT 235 PROGRAMS

40 Hour Lethal Weapons Basic Training Course With Firearms (SECUR100)

Covers basic explanations of the provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Lethal Weapons Act 235, Private Detective Act of 1953, provisions of basic rights under the 1st, 4th, 5th, 9th and 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, as well as a basic understanding of several PA Crimes Codes sections and the Justification of Use of Force. Participants will also undergo skills training in handcuffing, disarming, and weapon retention as well as firearms training and qualification. \$325

8 Hour Lethal Weapons Basic Training Course Recertification with Firearms (SECUR102)

Recertification and refresher course covers basic explanations of the provisions of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Lethal Weapons Act 235, as well as a basic awareness discussion of several pertinent PA Crimes Codes sections and the Justification of Use of Force. Participants will also re-qualify with a firearm per Act 235 requirements. \$150

26 Hour Certification Course without Firearms (SECUR101)

Covers the same concepts as the 40 Hour program without the firearms portion. \$200

3 Hour Lethal Weapons Basic Training Course Recertification without Firearms (SECUR103)

Covers the same concepts at 8 Hour Recertification program without the fire arms portion. \$100

14 Hour Lethal Weapons Basic Training Course with Firearms (Upgrade Training)(SECUR108)

Course is ideal for those students who wish to upgrade from a Non-Firearm license to a Firearm license or for those students who must retake the firearms portion of the original 40 hour Basic Certification Program. Students must provide a copy of the PA State Police Approval letter before they can register for this class. \$175

REQUIREMENTS FOR 40 HOUR BASIC PROGRAM

Visit psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons. All required applications and forms are online at that site. Click on **Certification Procedures** and select Basic to begin the application process.

Complete and submit online application for fingerprinting. **Print** your receipt and bring with a photo ID to your nearest Cogent Fingerprinting location to complete the process.

Download forms for your Physical and Psychological Exams.

Complete your Physical and Psychological evaluations with PA licensed physicians. The physicians must send the evaluations to:
PA State Police
Lethal Weapons Certification Unit
8002 Bretz Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112

After receiving your approval letter, **enroll** in our 40 Hours Basic program by visiting northampton.edu/LifeLearn. Type SECUR100 into the search course box to select your session. Credit card payment is due at the time of registration.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You have **EXACTLY 6 Months** from the date on your approval letter to complete a course. After that date has expired you will have to go through the application process again from the beginning.

Any additional fees associated with completing the program requirements are the responsibility of the student.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWALS

Visit psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons. All required applications and forms are online at that site. Click on **Certification Procedures** and select Renewal to begin the application process.

Complete the Renewal of Agent Certification Lethal Weapons Training Act - SP 8-205 form.

Submit completed application with \$30 fee to:
PA State Police
Lethal Weapons Certification Unit
8002 Bretz Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112

After receiving correspondence authorizing you to attend an 8 hour recertification class, **visit** northampton.edu/LifeLearn. Type SECUR102 into the search course box to enroll in the training. Credit card payment is due at the time of registration.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Program Coordinator

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School Location

511 E. Third Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015

Refund information

northampton.edu/NonCreditRefund

PA State Police Requirements

psp.pa.gov/lethalweapons

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