**INTRODUCTION TO HANDGUNS I**

**Course Syllabus**

**PREREQUISITES & REQUIREMENTS**

1. Personal handgun or rented handgun from Freedom Armory
2. 50-100 rounds of ammunition (purchased separately from class registration)
3. Ear and eye protection (loaners available at class if needed)

**OBJECTIVES:**

Upon course completion attendees will:

1. Review the Cardinal Rules of Handgun Safety
2. Understand the basic principles of what a firearm is
   1. Have a basic knowledge of the difference between a rifle, pistol, and shotgun
   2. Have a basic knowledge of calibers of firearms
3. Review firearms malfunctions
4. Review primary components of a handgun
5. Review basic shooting fundamentals
6. Receive a brief overview of legal rights and limitations regarding firearms
   1. Stand your ground/castle doctrine
   2. Conceal and Carry vs. Open Carry
   3. Vehicle transportation
7. On their own learn to:
   1. Operate the basic functions of a handgun
   2. Load ammunition into a magazine or cylinder
   3. Manipulate the slide of a pistol
   4. Fire their firearm and reload
8. Receive knowledge and references to know where to go for further information/education.
9. Options for next level courses

**COURSE OUTLINE**   
**00:00-00:20**

* Introductions and paperwork
* **WEAPONS CLEAR**
  + **Instructor visually, mechanically, and manually inspect each firearm**
  + **Until students go to the range Ammo remains separated from firearms**
* Why did everyone sign up for the class?
* What do you want to learn today?

**00:20-00:130**

* Classwork & information review
* Handguns mechanics & operation
* Dry fire practice
  + Sight alignment/sight picture
  + Squeezing the trigger
  + Follow through
  + Manipulating the slide
* Basic Review of PA Laws

**01:30-0:145**

* 15-minute break for questions, comments, and restroom

**01:45-02:45 RANGE**

* Individual first shots
  + Load 3-5 rounds of ammunition.
  + Fire all 3-5 rounds of ammunition.
  + Corrections and form review
* Group segmentation with additional live fire and individual training
  + Fire remaining rounds of 50rd box.

**02:45-03:00**

* Debrief
  + Questions comments concerns?
  + Discuss additional resources and continuing education classes