

**3 DAY
FIREARMS
ENQUIRY
OFFICERS
COURSE
(RFD INSPECTIONS)**

Introduction

A must for all managers and officers conducting RFD compliance visits. The course is designed to show the complexities of operating a typical gun shop as far as it relates to security, control of weapons and ammunition and complying with the requirements of the Firearms Acts.

The course covers topics listed in the agenda below, with the third day devoted to the examination of records and the inspection of the “premises” by the course group. The “premises” will contain many “reportable offences” that will be discussed in a group wash up.

Agenda

- Gun handling (safety)
- Gun serial numbers
- Firearms categories
- Record keeping, registers
- Air guns (section 1,2,5)
- Ammunition (section 1,2,5)
- Gun shop safety and security
- Components: status
- “Gun shop” visit
- Group discussion

Course Instructors

The principal course instructors at Helston Forensics have in excess of 100 years of professional experience between them, that experience is current and covers all types of firearms: sporting, law-enforcement and military.

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Is the preeminent privately operated technical firearms training provider in Europe with unparalleled facilities at its premises in Cornwall.

Notes

1. The course duration will be 09:00-17:30 finishing at 15:00 on the third day.
2. Refreshments and lunch to be provided.
3. Assistance with hotel bookings will be available from our office staff.
4. This is a CPD-related course. This can contribute to your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and will be evidenced through multiple-choice summative assessment and the award of a course completion certificate.



Components – which need to be on the register and which don't? A discussion on how to understand what is a "relevant component part" as listed in Section 125 (4) of the Policing and Crime Act 2017



Ammunition counting, how is it recorded and what is the NEQ? Must it comply with C.I.P. requirements (part VI Rules, Regulations and Scales applicable to the Proof of Small Arms 2006)



Gun shop security needs to be measured against risk, simple measures can reduce the risk of a thief running off with a gun or ammunition, help the RFD understand the dangers and take steps to mitigate the risk



Section 5? revolvers come in all types, soft air, air pistols, self-contained gas cartridge, slaughtering instrument, blank firer, realistic imitation, defectively deactivated, deactivated... What can an RDF possess? How does it need to be controlled?



Section 1 and 2 – sometimes obvious, occasionally not so. Magazine restrictions on shot guns can be checked with a simple tool



The “gun shop” is constructed and set out with considerable errors in book keeping, also weapon category, ammunition types and security considerations. The inspection team (students) need to conduct a team inspection listing as many non-compliances as possible in preparation for the “wash up”



Record keeping register – Format, correct information, paper, electronic, set the standard you require and help the RFD do a proper job



Sound moderators – are they firearms? When do they need to be recorded in a Firearms Register, do they need to be proofed? What about calibre? The same goes for flash eliminators... is a dummy flash eliminator a realistic imitation firearm?



Serial numbers in various locations on different firearms. Some have NVN recorded in the register, occasionally proof mark numbers are mistaken for serial numbers



Some parts need to be removed, turned over or manipulated to find the serial number



Gun handling skills are required when examining to make sure the weapon is safe to handle, you are expected to know how to check a weapon is safe and where to look for serial numbers



Air gun types, legal limits, section 1, 5, is it loaded? How does it operate? A range of air rifles and pistols will be available for examination, with instructions on how to handle them

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