

Natural State Defensive Solutions Carbine Instructor

The Dawson County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Carbine Instructor class on May 28 & 29, 2026 in Lexington. The company who is teaching the course is Natural State Defensive Solutions. There is a link below that will take students to their website and register. The cost of the course is \$300.00 and would be paid to NSDS. The course link and description is below.

<https://naturalstatedefensivesolutions.com/products/carbine-instructor-dawson-co-ne-may-28-29-2026>

Carbine Instructor 2-Day (16 hour)

This class is limited to LE/Mil only

This class will be taught by Sheriff Chris Brown and Sergeant Matt Higgins

Patrol rifles have largely taken the place as the primary long-gun for patrol officers. Having an intricate knowledge base, working understanding, and operational mastery of an AR-style platform rifle is a must for those working in an enforcement capacity in today's age. Being able to perform basic functions like reloads, sling operation, and safety operation as well as having a solid base of more "advanced" functions like remedial malfunctions, one-hand manipulations, and positional shooting are crucial but all too often overlooked in training. Once that base skillset is in place, the challenge becomes how to pass that information along to those around you effectively.

This course is designed for those who carry rifles in an environment where they may be called on to deploy that rifle and make split second decisions under demanding stress loads. This class will push the envelope mentally and physically, give students a high-functioning foundational skill-set that will set them up for success when the fight finds them, and give instructors techniques and material to effectively and efficiently pass that information along to their students.

Topics Covered:

Zeroing / Zero considerations

Height over bore / mechanical offset

Fundamentals evaluation

Malfunctions

Positional shooting considerations

Move then shoot / move and shoot

Accuracy

Performance

NSDS Standards

Required equipment:

-AR-style rifle WITH SLING (2-point adjustable preferred)

- Minimum 3 rifle mags with carrying system (mag pouch, plate carrier, back pocket, etc.)
- 800 rounds of reliable ammo
- A single \$1 bill
- Eye and Ear protection (electronic preferred but not required)
- Sharpie
- Water/water bottle
- Weather appropriate clothing
- Good attitude and open mind

Class info: 8:30a-5p May 28-29, 2026

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