

Police Defensive Firearms Training



How to Teach Transition to Pistol Mounted Optics for LE Firearms Instructors

Hosted by: Franklin County Sheriff's Department. Range will be St. Thomas Sportsmen's Association, 595 Appleway, Saint Thomas, PA, 17252.
July 1st and 2nd, 2026 (16 hours)

Tuition: \$475. Register here: <https://policedft.com/product/07-01-2026-how-to-teach-transition-to-pistol-mounted-optics-for-le-firearms-instructors-16-hours-franklin-county-pa/>

Class is designed for Agencies that are considering the transition to this technology, or Agencies that have already selected a make/model of pistol mounted optics.

Current Firearms Instructors will learn how to transition their Agency to this accessory, including benefits of its use and policy considerations. Non-instructors will benefit from the training methodology to shorten the learning curve and transition to RDS.

Class will discuss current technology, industry trends, and certain RDS features. (We do not endorse a specific make/model of RDS but can help you drill down on pros and cons of various models and how they may be configured).

Organized to help officers learn the efficient and effective way to utilize this tool, officers will avoid the common issues encountered when agencies employ this sighting system without effective transition training.

Students will zero their RDS, with explanations of the benefits of a zero, in real terms, at various distances. Dot size, expressed in MOA, will be thoroughly explained. RDS relationship to iron sights will be discussed. Myths regarding iron sight vs RDS qualifications will be dispelled.

Alternate aiming techniques, Weapons manipulations (loading/unloading, malfunctions), intuitive "target/threat focused" benefit of the RDS, and structured series of drills and exercises that will allow rapid skill acquisition, confidence, and increased proficiency with their duty handguns. Before and after skill tests will be conducted.

RDS benefits to veteran officers will be discussed. Advantages of RDS at distance will be discussed, demonstrated, and drilled.

Required Equipment:

- Duty Pistol equipped with RDS, 3 magazines and 800 rounds ammunition.
- Holster that allows RDS on duty firearm and weapon-mounted white light, if so equipped.
- Ball cap.
- Eye protection.
- Hand-held light.

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