

SNMLEA Instructor School
[Defensive Tactics] Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint and
Control:NM Law Enforcement Academy Core Curriculum
April 1-12, 2024

Course Overview:

This eighty-hour course is intended to teach the instructor candidate, who is already proficient in defensive tactics, how to teach the end user student. This course is designed to certify a law enforcement defensive tactics instructor and will focus on the core Defensive Tactics curriculum, as revised/approved by NMLEA in 2019. The emphasis will be on teaching the student instructor how to teach Defensive Tactics [Mechanics of Arrest, Restraint and Control]. The student will be provided the 2019 NMLEA Accredited Defensive Tactics lesson plan and other instructional media.

Instructor candidates will be required to successfully complete a comprehensive written examination on the last day of the class. The test will cover all instructional material provided over the duration of the course and will need to be passed with a score of 80% or better. Failure will result in and/or require future remediation. There will be practical skills & instruction demonstration following the written test on the last day of class. This demonstration is pass/fail. Failure will result in and/or require future remediation.

Instructor Qualifications/Pre-requisites:

- ❖ Instructor candidates will need to be in good physical condition, as this is a physically demanding block of instruction.
- ❖ Instructor candidates who cannot meet daily physical requirements will be directed to terminate attendance.
- ❖ Instructor candidates must have at least three years of law enforcement experience. Instructor candidates should already have a General Instructor Certification. Although not mandatory for attendance, instructor candidates must complete a NMDPS approved Instructor Development course prior to receiving New Mexico State Certification as a Defensive Tactics Instructor.
- ❖ It is also highly recommended that Defensive Tactics Instructors become certified Use of Force Instructors.

Required Equipment/Supplies:

- ❖ Note Taking Materials
- ❖ Duty Belt with the following equipment:
 - Handcuffs and handcuff key
- ❖ No duty weapons in the training facility and/or on the mats (Red guns will be provided).
- ❖ Long sweatpants, long-sleeve or short-sleeve shirts (no tank-top shirts allowed)
- ❖ Towel and water bottle
- ❖ Mat shoes are optional. Tennis/athletic shoes are not allowed on mats to prevent injury.

Class Location:

The class will initially meet on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 0800 in the SNMLEA classroom on the NMJC campus. Following an initial orientation, the class will move to the SNMLEA Law Enforcement Training Arena.