

Training Name: Firearms

Course Name: Diminished Environment Carbine/Pistol Course

Dates: 08/26/2025 - 08/27/2025

Venue: Waco Police Department Firing Range
Waco, Texas 76708

Price: \$450

Instructors: William Jackson

Course Description:

Our ***LE Only Diminished Environment course*** is designed with our everyday operating environment in mind. This course exposes shooters to various lighting conditions and the understanding of how to read lighting conditions and employ proper lighting techniques properly. Students will see and understand the importance of choosing the correct gear, and students' decision-making will be tested in various low light/no light conditions. Multiple shooting drills and scenarios will help students reduce their reaction time, enhance decision-making and accuracy, and overall confidence in their ability and weapon system in Diminished Environments.

Instructor Bio

William Jackson is the Owner and Lead Instructor of Gladiator Gunz Training Group LLC. As a 20-year veteran, he spent most of his career with the 82nd Airborne Division as an Infantry Medic and CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives) Officer. William has completed multiple combat deployments to different theaters in support of various international and domestic units. After retiring, he earned his second master's degree in Disaster and Emergency Management from Georgetown University. For the past ten years, he has worked for the Department of Defense as an Emergency Preparedness & Response Specialist and LE Instructor. Currently, William is a senior member of FEMA's SLTT Section within the National Exercise Division. This division aims to design, coordinate, conduct, and evaluate exercises at the SLTT level, rigorously testing the nation's ability to perform missions and functions to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

Will is passionate about equipping and preparing his students with both physical skills and the mental agility needed to perform and use the concepts taught in real-world scenarios. Remaining a student of his craft, he regularly competes in USPA/IDPA matches. To ensure the course content is of the highest quality and consistently up-to-date, William trains with top instructors in various fields, including CQB, TCCC, and Threat Assessment.

His certifications and qualifications include:

- * Basic SWAT Sniper Certified
- * DARC Law Enforcement Counter Terrorism Course (LECTC-1)
- * LE DM Certified
- * Advanced Concealed Carry Instructor
- * VCQB Instructor
- * Advanced Carbine Instructor
- * Low Light Instructor
- * MRDO Instructor
- * Sims Instructor

Topics Covered

Safety rules

The human vision in low/no light

Understanding/Reading light and processing information

Proper gear selection and consideration of flashlights and weapon-mounted lights.

Alternative uses of flashlights

Handheld vs Weapon mounted light (WML)

Proper use of weapon-mounted lights

Fundamentals of shooting in dark environments

Environmental considerations in dark environments

EDC Gear and accessory discussion and setup

Weapon manipulation in low light/no light

Photonic barriers

Single hand shooting

Task vs Priority
Recoil Management
Malfunction remediation
The efficiency of movement in low light no light
Multiple treat engagements
Positional shooting
Performance-based shooting
Various distance engagements
Terminal Ballistics
Managing speed vs accuracy
Shooting on the move/Moving then shooting in low light/low light

Minimum Gear Requirement

Common Sense/Open Mind
Carbine with a weapon mounted light
EDC or Battle Belt with appendix or strong side holster
Handheld light
1 pistol and 1 carbine Magazine Holder (minimum)
IFAK (Individual First Aid Kit)
300 rounds of carbine ammunition and 300 rounds of pistol ammunition (minimum). No Steel Core
3 pistol magazines and 3 carbine magazines (minimum)
Appropriate clothing for training
Knee pads, Elbow Pads, (optional, but recommended)
Clear eye protection, hearing protection (electronic recommended), and a baseball cap
Food & Water

Not Allowed

Serpa holsters or similar holsters that use the trigger finger to deactivate a retention device are NOT allowed.

Registration/Payment Instructions:

You must register as a member for any TTPOA course (\$30 for one year individual membership)

Credit card payment is strongly recommended.

Inquiries regarding the course, payment or other questions can be directed to Mike.Bucher@ttpoa.org

Mail checks to:

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Att: Reg 8
PO Box 304
Burnet, TX 78611

*Please make checks payable to "TTPOA"

Any questions can be directed to Mike Bucher at mike.bucher@ttpoa.org

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