



Instructor Certification

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Answers to frequently asked questions about ASP Tactical Baton, Restraint and Flashlight Training Programs.

What is the AIC Program?

ASP Instructor Certification provides individuals with the skills necessary to train and certify officers in field use of the ASP Expandable Baton, Tactical Restraints and Performance Flashlights.

Do I have to pay for AIC Certification?

No. Armament Systems and Procedures provides ASP Instructor Certification without charge to law enforcement personnel.

What requirements do I have to meet to attend an AIC class?

An individual should be currently certified as an instructor or have attended an ABC (ASP Basic Certification) course prior to attending AIC training.

What will I be required to do during AIC training?

The program is a hands-on, intensely physical Instructor training session. In addition, there is a portion of classroom activity that develops a conceptual framework for the use of force by law enforcement personnel.

By attending an AIC class, am I automatically certified?

No. All ASP training is competency based. In fact, it is infrequent that all participants in a class are certified. This is one of the few training programs in the country in which attendance does not guarantee certification.

Who designed the ASP Instructor Certification Program?

AIC training is the result of an ongoing series of refinements that result from instructor input and ASP Trainer Evaluations. The program is based upon the principles developed by DR Kevin Parsons in 1980.

What is the conceptual framework for ASP training?

The ASP program uses the Confrontational Continuum as its model for the response of law enforcement personnel to the actions of an assailant.

Why are ASP techniques so effective?

ASP training employs fundamental techniques which are trained to a level of competency. As a result, the program is easily mastered, readily retained and may be effectively implemented during even the most dynamic confrontation.

Is ASP training court defensible?

Yes. No training program can assure that an agency will not be sued. However, field evaluations have demonstrated that ASP training reduces the number of injuries sustained by officers, reduces the injuries sustained by assailants and decreases the number of lawsuits filed for excessive force. The ASP program is based upon extensive input from the nation's most senior police trial attorneys.

Who instructs the AIC program?

ASP Instructor classes are conducted by Certified Trainers who have been selected as a result of their individual skill level and have received specialized instruction regarding the technical and operational aspects of the ASP Baton, Tactical Restraints and Performance Flashlights.

If I've never instructed a class before, can I receive AIC Certification?

Probably not. AIC training is designed for individuals who have either completed the ASP Basic Certification course or are already an instructor in another discipline. An individual with no background in defensive tactics or training will have difficulty mastering the skills necessary for AIC Certification during an ASP training course.

How do I register for an AIC Program?

A list of AIC training sessions is available at asp-usa.com under the Training tab and AIC Class Schedule. Participants may register on the website. Individual agencies can also sponsor an AIC program. The procedures for conducting an AIC training course are outlined in a manual that is available from ASP.

Can my agency sponsor AIC training?

Yes. Armament Systems will conduct an AIC program when a minimum of 10 agencies in a given area request training. The class size is restricted to 40 individuals.

How do we schedule an AIC class?

AIC training can be scheduled by contacting the Training and Certification Section of Armament Systems and Procedures at (920) 735-6242 or by contacting the local ASP Representative.

What should I do to prepare for my AIC training?

Aerobic conditioning exercises including running, bicycling and swimming are excellent preparation for AIC training. Baton skills, restraint skills, flashlight skills, instructor training techniques and use of force concepts will be taught in the class.

What do I receive when I'm ASP Certified?

ASP Instructors are awarded a certificate, identification card, the distinctive Instructor Strike Force lapel pin and an Instructor Challenge Coin.

Do I have to pay for a yearly update to stay certified?

No. There is no charge for any ASP training. The frequency of recertification is based upon the agency's perception of instructor competency rather than a defined time frame.

Does the company tell me what I must teach my officers?

No. AIC training is provided at no charge and conducted as a support for law enforcement agencies. If an agency chooses to adopt the program, there is no charge. Should the agency desire to teach their own program, all reasonable techniques and procedures are accepted by ASP.

Is my certification revoked if my agency purchases a competitive product?

No. There is no connection between ASP training and product sales.

Do I have to pay the company to certify my officers?

No. ASP has no requirements for officer certification payment.

Do I have to order my training materials from ASP?

No. An ASP Basic Certification (ABC) package is available. It includes a lapel pin, mouth guard, identification card, certificate, ABC Training Manual, information sheet and training critique. The package is sold at a minimum charge to cover expenses. However, for those agencies who do not wish to use the package, ASP will provide a master of the training protocol at no charge for duplication.

As an AIC Instructor, who am I certified to train?

ASP Instructors can train field level personnel through the ASP Basic Certification Program (ABC).

Is there a training level beyond AIC?

Yes. Individuals who are certified to train instructors are classified as ASP Instructor Trainers. There are 100 of these positions worldwide. Each has been selected through a rigorous screening process. Then they must complete a grueling ASP Trainer Certification (ATC) course. Of those who seek ATC Certification, less than 3% achieve the rating.

Why does ASP do AIC and ATC training at no charge?

As a law enforcement supplier, Armament Systems and Procedures feels that it has a corporate responsibility to provide quality training in the use of its products for the law enforcement personnel that it serves. The use of force by law enforcement personnel is perhaps the most significant single issue faced by modern police agencies. By "giving back" to the profession that it deals with on a day-to-day basis, ASP feels that it is helping to achieve its corporate goal of "protecting those who protect."