

Hunting

The hunting discipline offers an excellent class, particularly for the younger participants. Some programs limit the shooting that these new members can do because of their age and size. This discipline is a great way of introducing them to the outdoors and the wildlife that we enjoy here in Indiana. Hunting does not need to be the focus of this training at all. Looking for a way to retain your older members? This discipline gives you all the tools you need. It is some of the best training that has been overlooked. If you have any questions regarding the training, please feel free to contact me and I will explain the many benefits of adding this to your program. The cost of this program for the counties is very low.

Hunting - Ideas for Review & Evaluation

- Demonstrate your knowledge of hunting safety, including:
 - Basic firearm safety
 - Muzzle control in the field
 - Target identification
 - Equipment safety and handling
 - Zone of fire
 - Blaze orange
 - Planning a safe hunt
- Discuss the history of hunting and why people hunt today
- Discuss some of the concerns you have heard about hunting and your response.
- Demonstrate your knowledge of the basic wildlife management principles, including:
 - Necessary habitat components
 - Carrying capacity
 - Predator and prey relationships
 - The role of hunting regulations in management of wildlife populations
- Discuss the following of several species of game in your area, using the current Indiana Hunting Regulations (www.dnr.state.in.us/fishwild/hunttrap.htm):
 - Open seasons
 - Bag limits
 - Licenses required
 - Lawful methods of taking
 - Unlawful methods of taking
- Demonstrate your knowledge of one, or more, of the following hunting arms and ammunition:
 - Archery
 - Handguns
 - Rifles (small bore, highpower, and blackpowder)
 - Shotguns
- Demonstrate your knowledge of proper field care of game

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