Michigan CPL Class and Instructor Certification

The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) is responsible for certifying firearm instructors and instructional programs for the purpose of providing pistol safety training to concealed pistol license applicants as required in Public Act 381 of 2000. Individuals may also receive this training through a state or national firearm training organization (e.g. NRA).

There are four parts that need to identified:

1. CPL Course Requirements
   The pistol safety training course required under Michigan law must be a program certified by this state or a national or state firearms training organization and provide at least eight hours of instruction. (EXA NRA)

2. Instructor Requirements
   The instructor shall be certified by this state or a national organization to teach the eight-hour pistol safety training course required by Michigan law

3. Firearms Law and Legal liability and Instructor requirements
   This portion shall be taught by an attorney or an individual trained in the use of deadly force. Meaning a person that is Certified as a NRA Instructor and does not have specialized training or certification in firearms law should not be teaching the legal part. The Instructor must have some form of credible training in Michigan firearms law, use of deadly force and legal liability and completing a CPL course does not qualify as a firearms law instructor.

4. Written tests and knowledge base
   The state of Michigan does not provide or mandate a standardized written test for the firearms law and legal liability part of the class. The decision as to whether to issue a test and the test content is at the discretion of the instructor. When a person decides to apply for a CPL and carry a deadly force weapon we consider it is an important part of the process to have in place a study program and written tests to evaluate the knowledge of the applicant.

We (HGTS ) are NRA Certified Instructors and teach the NRA (Personal Protection in the Home) state approved class.