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Dear Superintendent Bruen,

I am contacting you about the development of training standards for Pistol Licensing under the newly updated New York Penal Law Section 400. While developing the standards, I urge you to consider adopting NRA Certified Basic and Instructor Classes as part of the standard (see attached class list). This section of the Penal Law defines *“duly authorized instructors”* to include instructors of the *“national rifle association of America.”*

NRA certified basic and instructor training has been recognized as the gold standard nationally for firearm training and pistol licensing for many decades. NRA training has well defined lesson plans that are solidly rooted in safety, ethics and responsibility. Most lesson plans have specific live-fire requirements.

All the basic and instructor training has suggested hour requirements based on meeting the class objectives. It is suggested that all these basic and instructor classes be considered acceptable as combined or stand-alone hours to meet the New York State required training and live-fire standards.

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NRA Certified Training – Pistol Related
<https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseCatalog.aspx>

CLASS	Class Type	Classroom training - hours	Live-Fire - hours	Objectives total hours
NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting	Introductory	YES – 6	YES – 2	8
NRA FIRST Steps Pistol	Introductory	YES – 2	YES – 1	3
NRA Pistol Marksmanship Simulator Course	Introductory - Simulator	YES – 2	NO – 0	2
NRA CCW	Defensive – Concealed Carry – Can add NY Laws	YES – 14	YES – 2	16
NRA Defensive Pistol	Defensive – Concealed Carry – Can add NY Laws	YES – Class is customizable, flexible and objectives based	YES – Class is customizable, flexible and objectives based	Customizable class by instructor
NRA Personal Protection In The Home	Defensive – with NY Laws	YES – 5	YES – 3	8
NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home	Defensive – Concealed Carry – with NY Laws	YES – 10.5	YES – 3.5	14
			With optional advanced shooting – 5	19
NRA Home Firearm Safety	Safety class with pistols in curriculum	YES – 4	NO – 0	4
NRA Range Safety Officer	Safety class with pistols in curriculum	YES – 9	NO – 0	9
NRA Basic Instructor Training (BIT)	Instructor	YES – 6	NO – 0	6
NRA Pistol Instructor	Instructor	YES – 8.5	YES – 1.5	10
NRA CCW Instructor	Instructor	YES – 7	YES – 9	16
NRA Personal Protection In The Home Instructor	Instructor	YES – 13	YES – 3	16
NRA Personal Protection Outside The Home Instructor	Instructor	YES – 6	YES – 10	16
NRA Home Firearm Safety Instructor	Instructor	YES – 5	NO – 0	5
NRA Chief Range Safety Officer	Instructor	YES – 8	NO – 0	8

NOTE: All times are based on successful completion of objectives and may vary