



Wildlife Monitor Training

These 2 courses are a comprehensive program for a new wildlife monitor to be able to operate in the field at an industry standard level. The goal is to train students to safely protect field crews from encounters with dangerous wildlife.

Course Scope

The objective of the Wildlife Monitor Training Course is to ensure that participants understand their role and can demonstrate advanced knowledge and proficiency in taking appropriate action while following policies and procedures.

Course Objectives

In order to achieve the course scope outlined, students will be presented with information on:

- 1) Regulation and legislative requirements that apply to wildlife monitors
- 2) Conducting safety orientations for crew members
- 3) Understanding safe work procedures in the handling of firearms and ammunition
- 4) Characteristics and classifications of dangerous wildlife
- 5) Hazard analysis, including the identification of control and diversionary methods
- 6) Emergency planning and procedures
- 7) The escalation of procedures when confronted with a dangerous wildlife encounter

Wildlife Monitor Basic Training

Day 1 – Classroom 8am to 5pm

- Defining the role of the wildlife monitor
- The equipment needed to do the job
- Crew relations, confidence building and problem identification
- The principles of safety
- Effective communications in emergency situations
- Conducting safety orientations
- Safe work practices
- Safe job procedures
- Hazard assessments and analysis, recognizing wildlife signs and habitat
- Regulation and legislation awareness



Day 2 – Understanding field operations (Classroom) - 8am to 5pm

- Identification of dangerous wildlife and preventative measures
- Emergency preparedness
- Escalation of procedures – understanding the 4 levels
- Determining what measures to use
- Understanding wildlife behavior
- Using lethal force as a last resort
- Reporting procedures and investigations
- Records and statistics

Teaching method: This course uses a combination of lecture, power point presentation, class discussion, group and individual assignments.

Examination: 50 question written multiple choice test. 80% required to pass with one opportunity to re-write. Students not completing the classroom section will not be allowed to attend the range training.

Firearms Range Training – Shotgun Certification Course

Day 3 - 8am to 5pm – Field Range

- Injury Prevention
- Non lethal diversionary methods (air horns and bear spray)
- Range procedures, loading, unloading and speed loading (3 point method)
- Safe handling and storage of firearms
- Judging distances – shoot / don't shoot analysis
- Lethal and non lethal shooting practice
- Maintenance and cleaning of firearms

Examination: A live fire shooting test is conducted to ensure proficiency. The student must achieve 80% in order to pass the test. The examiner must be satisfied that the student understands the safe operation of a firearm and the deadly consequences from misuse.

Certification

- Wildlife Monitor Training certification is valid for 3 years upon successful completion.
- Firearms proficiency certification is valid for 1 year.
- Student successfully completing each course will receive an 8.5" X 11" certificate and wallet sized laminated card

Course Pre-requisites

Students wishing to attend the course must meet the following criteria:

- 1) A valid Canadian Firearms Licence
- 2) Own an approved shotgun
- 3) Experience with the safe handling and shooting of that shotgun
- 4) 100% commitment to safety

The cost for the pre-requisites is the responsibility of the student.

Required equipment

The student must bring the following equipment to class.

- 12 gauge pump action shotgun, front and rear sights, 4 round magazine capacity, minimum 14" barrel and ability to unload without chambering
- 1 can of bear spray – 225 gram minimum
- Proper clothing for outdoor work, rain gear
- Steel toe work boots
- Type 2 hard hat, suitable ear protection, safety glasses
- High visibility vest or jacket
- 75 to 100 rounds of 12 gauge ammunition - slugs

The Examiners will supply the following for each student:

- Targets
- Course workbook is provided to students.

Cost

\$995 per student for the Wildlife Monitor Basic Training classroom course

\$995 per student for the Firearms Range Certification Course

- Maximum 20 students, minimum 5 per course
- Payment in advance is required to register
- Remedial training and retesting is \$250 per student for each half day.
- Students must provide their own transportation to Prince George and to and from the remote field range 30 minutes north of Prince George
- Lodging and meals are the responsibility of the student

Industry and Government Certification

The Wildlife Monitor training course is approved by:

- College of New Caledonia, Prince George, BC
- Employment and Social Development Canada

The course is also approved by major pipeline proponents in BC as a certification for a wildlife monitor to work on their projects.

Instructors



Mark Werner is recognized as one of the foremost experts on dangerous wildlife dispatching as a leading guide outfitter in BC. With over 35 years of hunting and guiding experience, Mark is uniquely qualified to train students. Mark has worked as an industry educator in loss prevention, private investigations, hunter education and martial arts. As President of the Guide Outfitters Association of BC, he was instrumental in bringing in minimum standards in education for guides and sat on the education committee responsible for the design of the program. Mark is an international speaker on wildlife conservation and has lectured on dangerous wildlife behavior, in particular, wolves, grizzly bears and black bears. Mark co-founded the Canadian Wounded Game Trackers Association of Canada and has over 10 years experience in tracking dangerous, wounded game.

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Course Locations

Classroom: College of New Caledonia, Prince George, BC

Range: Private range 30 minutes north of Prince George

Other information

The student is responsible for transportation, lodging, meals, approved shotgun, ammunition and all equipment.



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