

Instructors

Bill's Gun Shop & Range instructors are some of the best in the industry. We go above and beyond to make sure you receive the training to be successful and safe when handling all types of firearms. Meet all our instructors by selecting their name from the list below. In June of 2003, John Monson purchased Bill's Gun Shop & Range in Robbinsdale. At that time, John's focus was to take a new approach to the good-old-boy's smoky gun shop, and make it a destination location that welcomes the whole family; starting the venture of Bill's Gun Shop & Range. He added the Circle Pines MN location in May of 2005 and the Hudson WI location in December 2012. By this point, this new approach to Gun Shops had caught on and John opened the Fargo, ND location in 2015.

Outside of professional interests, you will find John hunting and fishing as often as time will allow. He also enjoys spending as much time as possible on the lake with the family.

A lifetime member of the NRA, John's also a 15 year Certified DNR Firearms Instructor, NRA Certified Instructor, and a Certified Instructor at Bill's Gun Shop & Range. John is also an active member of the NSSF Range Development Committee where he voluntarily assists other range owners and want-to-be owners, in the best practices of indoor range management. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]

Years of Experience

- 10 years Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve including Desert Storm Active duty as a Machine Gunner
- 16+ years certified Federal Agent / Training Officer
- 1+ year NRA certified Firearms Instructor

Qualifications

As a Marine Corps Veteran, and a Federal Training Officer, Scott takes pride in his work and enjoys teaching others how to both safely and proficiently handle firearms. Scott joined the Bill's Gun Shop team having worked as a Federal Agent and Trainer for the last 16 years, the last of which has been spent as one of their Lead Firearms Instructors. Scott enjoys recreational shooting as well as being able to instruct a wide variety of shooters from beginners, to advanced, and tactical. Scott is available for private, 1-on-1 instruction as well as group instruction.

Classes:

- Basic Handgun Familiarization
- Multi-State Conceal & Carry Renewal
- Multi-State Carry

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Blake is an alumni of both University of Notre Dame and University of WI (MBA) and is a military veteran who has served in both in the US Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer and in the Army National Guard as an S4 Officer (28th Div, 109th FA). Blake grew up in Illinois, but has lived in various locations and traveled to many countries for his work as a Global Marketing Director for an anchor company in the Twin Cities (25 years). He has been a resident of Hudson, WI since 2006.

Blake is an avid shooter and loves the sport. He fires thousands of rounds a year and especially likes getting new shooters introduced to target and bullseye. One of his passions is long distance handgun (200 yards and more). Blake also enjoys run and gun events where he has competed in USPSA. He currently runs the Monday Night Bullseye League (Hudson Bill's location) and is a certified NRA Pistol

Instructor.

In his free time, Blake is an avid boater on the St. Croix River and enjoys spending time with his wife, two daughters and four dogs.

[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Dennis has been a Bill's instructor since 2007. He is a NRA certified instructor, DNR certified instructor and has 15 years of experience training with handguns, rifles and shotguns. He is also an NRA member and a lifelong hunter

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- Multi-State Carry
- Basic Handgun Familiarization

[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Rick Karnitz is retired with over 30 years of law enforcement experience. That experience included training law enforcement firearms instructors from around the state. In addition, he was a law enforcement use of force, chemical agent and baton instructor.

While working in law enforcement, Rick worked in a parallel career as a paramedic. This included work in a ground rig, fixed wing aircraft and helicopter as a flight medic. During his paramedic career he became a leader and pioneering member of a tactical paramedic group attached to local, state and federal SWAT teams. He was also an instructor for new tactical medics.

Rick is also an NRA trained firearms instructor, and a Minnesota DNR hunter safety instructor. Rick has combined his vast experience, knowledge and passion to provide an in-depth and comprehensive classroom experience for his students.

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- Multi-State Carry

[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Grant has been a lifelong shooter and hunter. He has several years of experience in law enforcement. During that time, he had the opportunity to serve as a SWAT officer working closely with both the FBI and US Marshals in the service of arrest warrants on tribal land. Grant also has 15 years of experience in EMS. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Dick brings a special expertise to Bill's initial and renewal carry permit classes. He is a licensed attorney, one of a handful in the country who teach such courses. Students get the law as it is practiced, and a detailed exploration of the legal, financial, and moral responsibilities when using a gun for self-defense.

Dick also teaches a variety of other classes at Bill's, including basic and intermediate handgun, AR-15 maintenance, individual trainings, and HR 218 certification for retired law-enforcement officers. Dick also conducts machine gun shoots, and is frequently the host at Bill's Gun Shop and Range's booth at gun shows and other events in the area.

Dick is a retired Army Master Sergeant, and a life member of the National Rifle Association, VFW, Association of the U.S. Army and the University of Wyoming Alumni Association. He and his wife live in New Hope.

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Clay Brisbin grew up in Littlefork, MN, near the Canadian border. Clay started shooting at the age of six and has enjoyed hunting and the outdoors since the age of 9. After high school Clay attended the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and received a Bachelor Degree in General Resource Management with a minor in Environmental Law Enforcement. In 2003, Clay graduated from the Wisconsin Police Academy, and again in 2008 from the Minnesota Police Academy. In 2004, after graduating college, Clay worked for the WI DNR as a Law Enforcement Park Ranger in Willow River State Park just north of Hudson, WI. After working for the WI DNR, Clay worked at the P.I.N.G.P. nuclear power plant in Redwing, MN as a Nuclear Security Officer. In 2005, Clay started working at Bill's Gun Shop and Range. Clay spent 2 years working as a range officer in Robbinsdale, 2 years working as a Sales Associate, 3 years as the Store Manager at the Circle Pines location, and worked as General Manager for 4 years. In 2016 Clay joined the Bill's Corporate team as the Director of Compliance & Project Management. Clay is also a Firearms Instructor and Training Coordinator for Bills Gun Shop and Range and is certified by the MN BCA, the NRA, and the MN DNR as a firearms instructor, as well as is a certified armorer for Glock and Smith & Wesson.

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[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Sean was born in Fargo ND, he has been shooting since July 2003 and has had formal training from various places since 2006. Sean really enjoys practicing defensive shooting tactics, fundamentals, and precision marksmanship[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Mike has been shooting for about 25 years. His obsession started in the Boy Scouts with shooting the 22s. Ever since he has been

looking for all of the knowledge he can assimilate. He enjoys long range precision marksmanship, precision handgun and gunsmithing. Mike has been a gunsmith since 2015. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Doug is a mechanical engineer by day and enjoys being a husband, father of seven, grandfather of three, doing bible studies, and everything firearms related the rest of the time. His pic shows a 5-Card-Stud pistol grouping competition (1 pair, 2 pair, full house, etc.). He enjoys USPSA matches, competes in PRS/NRL precision rifle matches around the nation, and has taught hunter's safety since about 2010 and concealed carry since the late 1990's. His classes are loaded with information from actual lethal force scenarios and practical take-home information to make any concealed carry permit holder more well-rounded. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Mike, of Thompson, ND began his passion of firearms at 6 years old and started hunting at 11. After growing up on a small farm through highschool, he joined the Army. During his time in the Army, he deployed twice and became a Small Arms Master Gunner, Small Arms Weapon Instructor, Coordinator and Competition shooter. He stood on Active duty status until early 2017 at which point he went to traditional National Guard and joined the Bill's Team in Fargo, ND. Mike furthered his passion for teaching and instruction through Hunter Safety, NRA basic handgun, ND Concealed Firearm and Dangerous Weapon Instructor, Minnesota Multi State Carry and Basic Handgun. Currently Mike is continuing firearms instruction along side of career at the Vet Center as a Outreach Program Specialist in the Readjustment Counseling Services Field. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Ben is the General Manager at the Hudson location. He is doing qualifications for our Concealed Carry and Renewal Course. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Nate is the Assistant Manager at the Hudson location. He is doing qualifications for

our Concealed Carry and Renewal Course.[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Noah is the acting General Manager at the Circle Pines location. He is doing qualifications for our Concealed Carry and Renewal Course.[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Dale is a Manager at the Baxter location. He is doing qualifications for our Concealed Carry and Renewal Course.[tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar"

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link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Josh is a unique shooter and instructor due to his education and experience. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Degree in Criminal Justice, a Certificate in forensic psychology, and is active duty law enforcement with over 10 years of experience. He has worked in small town police departments all the way up to large tribal police departments giving him a wide range of experience and training. That experience includes, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Front Line Supervisor, Administrator, law enforcement trainer including firearms, use of force, baton use, and developing and implementing training programs.

Before, and for some time during, working in law enforcement, Josh worked for a ground crew on an ambulance working mostly rural areas with a total time on an ambulance of just over 8 years. During this time he was a DOT certified First Responder and EMT instructor teaching classes all over Minnesota.

Josh is passionate about guns, ammo and everything in between

having started shooting when he was 5 years old. His background in engineering has allowed him to break down what most instructors take for granted and allows him to teach shooters of all experience levels how to do what others tell you to do but can't really explain how and why.

Josh chooses to spend most of his off time (and awake) at a range shooting or teaching. He is a competitive shooter shooting mostly in the USPSA sport style and loves to teach new shooters, push apprehensive shooters out of the apprehensive phase into having fun, training Law Enforcement, working with competitive shooters to get an edge, coaching shooters and shooting but not necessarily in that order.

Josh is a NRA Certified Pistol and Carry Course instructor as well as a certified Glock Armorer and a MN POST Board approved firearms and defensive tactics instructor. He loves teaching and is happy to do custom classes for one person or groups in handgun, rifle or PCC.

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link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]Katie has worked at the Robbinsdale location for a few years. She is an outdoor enthusiast that loves to hunt, fish, camp, and shoot. She loves to spend time outdoors and with her family. Her favorite part of being involved in the shooting industry is helping new comers with basic skills and making them feel confident entering the shooting world. She is teaching our Basic Handgun Familiarization Course.[tt_gm_button_shortcode

title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"]John works at the Robbinsdale location. He has an interest in both handguns and long guns and enjoys sharing his knowledge of firearms with customers. He is doing our Basic Handgun Familiarization Course and qualifications for our Concealed

Carry and Renewal Course. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Rob Allickson is retired with over 31 years of law enforcement experience, including almost 12 years as a primary firearms instructor. Rob was certified as an instructor by the FLETC (Federal Law Enforcement Training Center). Rob was also certified through the NRA as a handgun/shotgun and patrol rifle instructor. Prior to his law enforcement career, Rob served an enlistment as an infantryman in the

US Army. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar" link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Austin works at the Robbinsdale location. He is doing qualifications for our Concealed Carry and Renewal Course. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar"

link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Chuck was a US Army Airborne Infantry non-commissioned Officer. He is a 17 year law enforcement veteran with 16 years of firearms instruction experience. He is a FBI and BCA certified instructor. He specializes in handgun, rifle and combat gun training. Chuck also is Glock armorer and AR15/M4 & Remington 870 armorer certified. He was a SWAT team leader for 15 years. In his spare time he is an avid outdoors man and enjoys hunting and fishing. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar"

link="https://www.billsgs.com/training/"] Joe works at our Robbinsdale location. He came to Bill's early January of 2020. He loves working at Bill's because it has allowed him to learn more about firearms and teach others about them as well. He is doing qualifications for our Concealed Carry and Renewal Course. [tt_gm_button_shortcode title="Calendar"

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