



Colorado Fireworks Pyrotechnic Operator Safety Course

Presented by the
Rocky Mountain Pyrotechnics Guild (RMPG)

DATE: Saturday, March 28, 2026

TIME: 9 am to 5 pm

PLACE: City of Aurora Public Safety Training Center located at 25950 E. Quincy Ave, Aurora, CO, 80016

FEE: \$150.00/person, plus Multipass fees

ONLINE PAYMENT LINK: <https://rmpg.multipass.com/CP2026>

LUNCH: INCLUDED

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone who is interested in working with pyrotechnics and flame effects before a proximate audience or who needs a safety course for a Fireworks Pyrotechnic Operator License (required in Colorado); persons in regulatory capacities; and those interested in expanding their hobby fireworks knowledge. This class is based predominantly on NFPA-1126 2021 / NFPA-160 2021 and may be applicable to multiple state certifications outside Colorado.

Registrants must be 18 years of age in order to either receive the safety certification or participate in the hands on practical portion of the class. Minors shall be permitted to attend this course in conjunction with a participating adult.

ABOUT THE TEACHERS: Steve Maruska, Byron Nelson, and Nick Rinaldo are all Board Members of The Rocky Mountain Pyrotechnics Guild (RMPG). Steve Maruska and Nick Rinaldo are both volunteers for the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) as Certified Instructors for the Display Operator Certification Course. Byron Nelson, Safety Director of RMPG, shall provide input and assistance based on his decades of experience.

RMPG: Is a 501c3 non-profit club incorporated in the State of Colorado for the purpose of encouraging the safe and artistic use of fireworks through education and shared expertise.

WHAT THE STUDENTS RECEIVE: Each participant will receive: classroom style lecture, written testing for safety certification, field instruction, live fire demonstrations, and hands-on field experience accompanied by a certificate verifying attendance at the safety course. A basic cold lunch of deli meat sandwiches and chips, and assorted beverages will be provided to attendees. Apologies as we can't accommodate all dietary restrictions.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSING: The Colorado State Licensing process requires an application form (available via the state website), safety course (this RMPG course qualifies), passing an exam on the NFPA 1126 - 2021 edition, Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) background check, proof of residency, and a state fee. Note: the state application form requires proof of assisting in 5 fireworks pyrotechnics productions (1 as the lead operator under supervision). Greater details will be explained during the class.

WHAT THE STUDENT SHOULD BRING: Each participant must bring safety glasses, a head protection, hearing protection, and wear cotton clothing with long sleeves and long pants (turnout gear is acceptable). Flame retardant layers and boots are recommended for the outdoor portion of the class. Cold, wet, windy weather and/or muddy ground is a possibility, so be prepared. I highly recommend a pen, pencil, and paper for taking notes. A water bottle is also recommended and anything else you feel you might need to be comfortable.

SPACE IS LIMITED AND PRE-REGISTRATION NOTICE IS REQUIRED: Email confirmation must be completed no later than Friday, March 27th by 9AM. Registration form can be sent either by mail to: **RMPG; 9821 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80260** or form to: training@rmpg.org

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Full Legal Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Preferred phone number(s) _____

E-mail address _____

Agency representing (if applicable) _____

Personal reason for taking course _____

Emergency Contact Name/Number _____

*Please note neither RMPG nor PGI will use your information for anything other than specifically for this class.

Safety Course Completion Certificate and Assistant verification credentials shall be presented in person or mailed to your provided mailing address as listed above.

Class size is limited, and reservations will be made as payments are received.

(Lunch will be provided to those who registered by March 27th, 2026)

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Please direct your questions about the course or registration to

Nick Rinaldo at

(419) 265-4863 or training@rmpg.org