

Pyrotechnic Guild International (PGI) Display Operator Course

Presented by the
Rocky Mountain Pyrotechnics Guild (RMPG)

DATE: Saturday, November 15th, 2025

TIME: 9 am to 5 pm

PLACE: 4101 Penrith Road, Bennett, CO 80102 (class to be held in Quonset hut)

FEE: \$150.00/person, plus Multipass fees

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

LUNCH: INCLUDED

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Anyone interested in working on a fireworks display crew. For those who are seeking a PGI Certification as a Fireworks Display Operator. Anyone who needs a safety course for a Fireworks Display Operator License (required in Colorado); persons in regulatory capacities; and those interested in expanding their hobby fireworks knowledge.

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 and Nick Rinaldo are all volunteers for the Pyrotechnics Guild International (PGI) as Certified Instructors for the Display Operator Certification Course. Nick Rinaldo is Director of Education for The Rocky Mountain Pyrotechnics Guild (RMPG) Steve Maruska is President and Certified Instructor of RMPG. Additionally, we have input and assistance by Byron Nelson, Safety Director of RMPG. Byron Nelson 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 the: 319 page 2022 edition of the PGI Display Fireworks Operator Certification Study Guide. An interactive classroom style lecture, written testing, field instruction, live fire demonstrations, and hands-on field experience. All accompanied by a certificate verifying attendance / successful completion of 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 dietary restrictions.

CERTIFICATION/LICENSING: The Colorado State Licensing process requires an application form (available via the state website), safety course (this RMPG/PGI DOC course qualifies), passing an exam on the NFPA 1123 - 2018 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 five fireworks displays. Greater details will be explained during the class. PGI Operator's Certification application form is included at the back of the book.

WHAT THE STUDENT SHOULD BRING: Each participant must bring safety glasses, a head covering or hard hat, 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. Hot, cold, wet, windy weather and/or muddy ground is always possible in Colorado, so be prepared. It is highly recommended to bring a pen, pencil, clip board or other hard surface to write on, highlighter, and paper for taking notes as we typically don't have tables. A water bottle and anything else you feel you might need to be comfortable is advisable. We will be in a barn and outside.

REGISTRATION: Please note payment, registration form, and waiver must all be complete and received by RMPG by the day of the class. Exceptions must be approved by Nick Rinaldo.

Questions about the course and/or registration: contact Nick Rinaldo at (419) 265-4863 or via email: training@rmpg.org

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On
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At the
Rocket Ranch: 4101 Penrith Road, Bennett, CO 80102
(Class to be held within and outside the Quonset Hut)

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 _____

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 November 14th, 2025)

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