



Colorado Fireworks Pyrotechnic Operator Safety Course

Presented by the
Rocky Mountain Pyrotechnics Guild (RMPG)

DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2024

TIME: 9 am to 5 pm

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

FEE: \$100.00/person

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 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. Also assisting, Mark Moffett is a retired 25 year Firefighter and longtime Special Effects Operator for a local music and performance art group called Itchy-O.

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 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. 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 10th by 5PM. Payment and registration form can be sent either by mail to: **RMPG; 9821 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80260** or form to: 1nitronick@gmail.com with payment in hand the day of the class.

Questions about the course and/or registration: contact Nick Rinaldo at (419) 265-4863 or via email listed above.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN PYROTECHNICS GUILD

On
March 23th, 2024

At the
Tom Major's Farm: 4101 Penrith Road, Bennett, CO 80102
(Class to be held within and outside the Quonset Hut)

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 _____

Enclosed is Check or Money Order number # _____ for \$100.00. Please make payable to Rocky Mountain Pyrotechnics Guild (or RMPG).

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

Please mail this form and your CHECK (NO CREDIT CARDS or VENMO PLEASE) to:
RMPG 9821 Melody Drive, Northglenn, CO 80260

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

(Lunch will be provided to those who registered by March 22, 2024)

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