Austin Payne

Austin is FRC's Assistant Manager, as well as one of our leading Firearms Instructors. Austin served as an Aviation Ordnance Technician/ Quality Assurance & Safety Officer in the Marine Corps from 2016-2020.

During his time in the Corps he held multiple expert qualifications on the M16 Rifle and M9 Pistol. During Boot Camp, and upon subsequent assignment to the Fleet Marine Force, Austin discovered his natural talent for shooting and began to explore the firearms and training industry as a career. After his discharge from the Marine Corps he began to pursue his ambitions as a firearms trainer and obtained multiple instructor certifications. His journey landed him here at FRC roughly a year ago, and he has been a guiding force at our range and training institution ever since. We hope to have Austin on our team for many years to come.

Austin holds instructor certifications from the USCCA, NRA, and LSP.

He is currently attending college to obtain his associates degree in firearms science from SDI.

Instructor Numbers:

USCCA- 1777495

NRA-262792401

LSP- 2247

Classes Taught:

First Time Shooter

NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting

Louisiana Concealed Handgun Permit Class