

# SWOSU Students Participate in Firearms Course

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SWOSU Parks and Recreation Management Firearms instructor Steven Cornell demonstrates a kneeling shooting position at a recent handgun course. In the back are students (from left): P.J. Yoder, Thomas; Tyler Vogt, Corn; Clayton Johnson, Weatherford; and Justin Snider and Jacob Pool, both of Clinton.

Twelve Southwestern Oklahoma State University Parks and Recreation Management Department students on the Weatherford campus recently completed a Park Law Enforcement Program's Firearm Safety / Law Enforcement Handgun course.

The intensive course covers safety and marksmanship fundamentals as well as presentations from the holster, prone, kneeling and standing shooting positions, movement, use of cover, and close range threat engagement techniques.

Primary course instructor was Steven Cornell, adjunct faculty member at SWOSU and coordinator of the Park Law Enforcement Program Firearms and Defensive Tactics section. An Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper since 1995, Cornell serves as a lieutenant at Troop H in Clinton.

As an Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Firearms and Defensive Tactics instructor, Cornell teaches firearms and defensive tactics for the OHP Academy and area municipal and county law enforcement agencies.

A highly trained instructor, Cornell is a graduate of several Strategos International training courses including Physical Conflict Resolution Instructor, Russian Martial Arts and Officer Survival in Low Light Conditions Instructor.

Cornell is also a two time graduate of the Pat Rogers/EAG Tactical Training AR-15 Carbine Operator course, the Paul Howe/Combat Shooting and Tactics Tactical Pistol and Combat Leadership courses, the United States Shooting Academy In Fight Weapon Access course, and the Centurion Training Group Tactical Mantracking course.

The SWOSU Park Law Enforcement Program offers law enforcement handgun, tactical carbine, and custody and control/defensive tactics courses to its students each year.

Program graduates are finding employment with a number of local, state and federal natural resource and conventional law enforcement agencies.

Individuals interested in the SWOSU Park Law Enforcement Program can contact Dr. Chad Kinder, associate dean and department chair, at 580.774.3291 or [prm@swosu.edu](mailto:prm@swosu.edu).