

Bios

Derek Watkins is a full time instructor with Apache Solutions Firearms Training out of Yadkinville, NC.

Derek started his training with Apache in 2021. He realized right away that Apache Solutions was something special and he wanted to be a part of it. Combining his love for teaching and for helping people he decided to work his way up through their apprenticeship program and in 2022 after meeting all of the requirements he was accepted into the Apache cadre. Spending countless hours over the next year working on his teaching skills mostly through private one on one sessions he became a full time instructor in 2023. Originally from Oak Island, NC he now lives in Yadkinville, NC so he can be close to the home range of Apache.

Major accomplishments:

- Rangemaster professional pistolcraft instructor.
- Rangemaster shotgun instructor.
- Finished in the top 3 of all five Rangemaster Instructor classes he has taken.
- Active Response Training Close Quarters instructor.
- The Complete Combatant Deliberate Coaching (Earning the Top Coach Award).
- Building Shooters Brain-based tactical training design instructor development.
- Teaches over 1000 hours per year in private one-on-one sessions.

Derek Wright is a Professional Pistolcraft Instructor certified through Rangemaster, and a graduate of the Apache Instructor Enrichment Program. He maintains his annual instructor ratings for NRA (Basics of Pistol and RSO), and the North Carolina Department of Justice to teach North Carolina Concealed Carry. He also holds numerous additional certifications, reflecting a strong commitment to ongoing education and responsible instruction.

Through Apache Solutions LLC, Derek focuses on empowering everyday, law-abiding citizens with the skills, knowledge, and mindset to safely carry and responsibly defend themselves. His training emphasizes safe gun handling, practical decision-making, and understanding the serious responsibility that comes with concealed carry. Derek believes informed, well-trained citizens are a critical part of personal and community safety.

Dan Brady is a career Law Enforcement Officer with 25 years and counting of experience. He's been an active police firearms instructor for over 20 years, and been a civilian firearms instructor as well for over a decade. He approaches teaching with a grounded understanding of Adult Learning Theory, Motor Learning Processes, and Performance based approaches. He is widely recognized as a subject matter expert in the defensive use of white light.

David Church became an Apache handgun instructor in March of 2020 and has been teaching private sessions and workshops ever since. David has completed Rangemaster - Professional Pistolcraft instructor, Defense Training International Instructor and NRA Basic Pistol instructor and Apache Instructor Enrichment Graduate. David's goal is to help develop a solid set of essential skills in the students, that one day may help save their life or the life of a loved one.

"It's in our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light." —Aristotle
No David has been happily married for 29 years and self-employed for 32. David runs two businesses, including Church's Concrete and D&M Rentals. He has been an avid rock climber for 20 years and started running in 2013 when he won his first triathlon.

Teresa Kelly is co-owner of Apache Solutions LLC in Yadkinville, NC. She started her firearms training journey and quickly learned that there needed to be more training because an NC Concealed Carry class did not help to make her a competent and confident shooter. So when her husband, Tim, created Apache Solutions LLC in 2017, it didn't take her long to join him in his passion for helping build a better-armed society. Now, she has trained with many other reputable trainers, including Tatiana Whitlock, Tom Givens, John and Vicki Farnam, Vigr Training, Green Mountain Defense, and more. As a result, she is a Rangemaster Certified Pistol Instructor and a DTI-certified instructor. Teresa also has her CPR, AED, and NRA RSO certifications. Excited for her new role as Yadkin Valley Chapter Facilitator, Teresa's latest journey is to help create a community of women helping women. Her current goal is to establish an enthusiastic group of women and take them to the AG&AG National Conference in Palisade, CO, to experience its variety of training and education.

Wes Matthews is affiliated with the Yadkin County Rescue Squad and currently holds an EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) credential. In addition to providing supplemental support to the county's Emergency Medical Services and Municipal Fire Services, our agency offers specialized rescue services for incidents such as motor vehicle, swift water, trench, and high-angle rescue, to name only a few. Wes carries the following instructor certifications: Rangemaster Advanced Pistol Instructor. Rangemaster Shotgun Instructor. Apache Instructor Enrichment Graduate.

Patrice Nye has been training with Apache Solutions for five years, in both private sessions and classes. Prior to 2020 Patrice had never handled a weapon and is now an apprentice on the Assistant Instructor track. She is a Banking Compliance professional by day and is a writer, runner, foodie, traveler, beer/bourbon/wine enthusiast and huntress by night. Patrice is passionate about the world around her and believes in the immense value of training and educating a responsibly armed citizenry to keep that world a safe place for all.

Zack Halstead is a Marine Corps veteran turned Law Enforcement Officer, shaping skills with precision and purpose. Apache Solutions Instructor and Rangemaster Advanced certified Pistol Instructor—guiding others through every trigger pull with steady hands and a clear mind. Zach has been an instructor with Apache since 2023 and he is driven by discipline, integrity, and a relentless commitment to creating a better armed society.