

Is Your Class benefiting from all that Minnesota has to offer for your Instructors and Students?

Minnesota Volunteer Safety Instructors Association Can Help !



WHO WE ARE:

MVSIA was founded in 2006 at the request of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The MN DNR identified a need for a statewide organization to help sponsor training seminars and acquire/distribute funding for training aids for instructor teaching teams throughout the state of Minnesota.

By working with the MN DNR staff, the purpose of MVSIA is to help instructor teams form and/or join local chapters in order to help build a stronger training program in the state of Minnesota.

Through our 501(c)3 non-profit status, MVSIA is able to help chapters raise funds for various needs relating to MN DNR safety training programs. These needs may include (but are not limited to): classroom props, firearms for classroom and range use, audio/video equipment, computers, and range acquisition/enhancement for range/field requirements.

WHY JOIN:

MVSIA can and should be your first call to find out information regarding the acquisition for funding in support of the DNR education programs.

MVSIA has contacts in various industries allowing for discounts on products. A list of current merchants/discounts is available upon initial chapter approval, and an annual update will be sent to existing chapters.

Through MN DNR/MVSIA sponsored instructor training seminars, you will be able to learn new tips and techniques to improve your teaching skills. These seminars will be held throughout the state, making it easier for all members to attend.

MVSIA's primary benefit is communication among and between chapters and instructor groups that allows mentorship and the sharing of ideas in order to ensure that our DNR instructor programs are the best quality possible.

Scheduled Events and Services

- Yearly Instructor Academy/Rendezvous – learn how to request and use the MN DNR’s newest training guide and DVD while interacting with Instructors from throughout Minnesota
- By pooling resources from throughout Minnesota, MVSIA allows you to borrow equipment (overhead projectors, DVD players, etc.) from our equipment bank
- Learn how to incorporate your instructor group to fund the venues or programs you need.
- Get in touch with instructors in your region willing to assist in your classroom.
- Learn how to recruit new instructors and get them involved in your program so that you can increase retention and reduce turnover.
- We are a new Association dedicated to serving *all* of Minnesota.
- We are a not-for-profit organization made up of people like you who have an interest in perpetuating the shooting, archery, and motor sports in Minnesota.
- We have a unification plan to bring together all instructors and instructor groups throughout the state.
- The DNR provides a framework for class presentations. MVSIA can help you network with instructors who have created unforgettable classroom experiences!

From the MVSIA Bylaws:

The primary purpose of the Association is to actively participate in and promote the Minnesota DNR safety training education programs. More specifically, the objectives of the Association are:

- To promote recruitment, certification and retention of volunteer safety education instructors.*
- To promote the establishment and continued support of state-wide local chapters and mentorship within and between local chapters.*
- To facilitate communication between and for local chapters, the MN DNR and the Association.*
- To promote adherence to the MN DNR rules and guidelines and the standards for associated chapters as spelled out in the Associations By-Laws.*
- To solicit and accept donations and funding for local chapters and the Association in accordance with the 501(c)3 and LG555 filings.*
- To foster the availability of the Association resources and benefits for local chapters and members.*
- To act as a voice in public forums for issues which pertain to the mission and the purpose of the Association.*

To join, you can contact MVSIA by mail at:

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**Or online at:
www.mvsia.org**