

## **April 2012 Newsletter**

We at Golden Eagle Training & Safety hope this finds all of you doing well and staying safe. We apologize for being late on an update from us, but both Butch & I have been very busy.

Butch has been involved with in-service training with his current agency and I somewhat busy also training with Afghanistan National Police in Afghanistan. Butch has also been tied up with an Instructor class he is holding or getting ready to do with Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office.

Things have somewhat calmed down a little, at least for me right now as I am in Kabul, Afghanistan waiting to catch a safe flight to a Regional Training Center in Gardez, somewhat a still hot zone for Taliban. Was to go there last week but an attack on the RTC, destroyed my room I was to be in.

On Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> of this year we held a Carrying Concealed Handgun Class in Homer, LA and we had 16 reputable participants. The weather was great for the range session in the afternoon and everyone shot well. The class went real well and we had some more great evaluations. We take those evaluations seriously as we want to be able to either keep doing what we are doing or improve what we are doing.

Butch & I at one time were in the position of receiving training and we had the opportunity to express our thoughts on how well a class was so we realize the importance of positive or negative comments about our course.

We are planning to conduct a <u>CCH Class in Springhill, LA on May 26<sup>th</sup></u>. The notice in the Springhill paper and Haynesville paper will be forthcoming with information on how to pre-register. If any of you know someone that wants to pre-register by e-mail, give them my e-mail address and I will be glad to forward them a registration form. Pre-registration for the class may also be done on our website, <u>www.DefensiveTraining.us</u>.

We also are planning to hold a CCH Class in Homer, LA on the first or second Saturday in June. More on that one will be forthcoming also.

After much deliberation, Butch & I have decided to increase the cost of our CCH course from thirty-dollars to \$50. The increase is self-explanatory with the present condition of our economy. However, at fifty-dollars, it is still the lowest affordable price in Northwest LA and still a good quality of course for the money. We apologize for increase but we still try to keep down the cost of persons wanting to apply for the CCH permit from LSP.

We want to encourage you to go to our new website, <u>www.DefensiveTraining.us</u>, to receive further updates and check on the calendar for future courses. Not only do Butch & I offer the CCH Class to the public but, we also conduct courses on Personal Safety, Women's Safety & Self-Defense Course, Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention, (known as SHARP), Weapon Retention & Disarming, ( if you carry a firearm , you need to know how to effectively retain it or disarm someone who has one), Escape & Evasion, and Advanced Carry Concealed Handgun Class. We also have available to law enforcement and correctional agencies, courses on Defensive Tactics,(DT), Impact Weapon,(IW), Weapon Retention and Disarming, (WRD), Ground Avoidance, Ground Escape, (GAGE), Spontaneous Knife Defense, (SKD), Inmate Control, and Pressure Point Control Tactic, (PPCT). For the educational arena we offer the Disruptive Student Management System, (DSM). We have also held Surviving a Critical Incident for churches in Bossier City and will be glad to do the same with any church in your area.

Speaking of our new website, at the present time it is very close to the official opening. We are having Joel Ponder, long time resident of Claiborne Parish, and designer/webmaster of many of our local area websites (<u>www.ClaiborneOne.org</u>, <u>www.ClaiborneSheriff.org</u>, as well as several of our local merchants) rebuild our website and we are very pleased with the fine job he is doing for a very affordable price. If any of you know someone who wants to start a website or has one that needs a facelift, we strongly recommend Mr. Ponder. You can contact Joel via his new website at: <u>www.KCWD.com</u>.

Joel's latest work is our new GETS website at: <u>www.DefensiveTraining.us</u>.

Butch & I would also encourage any of you having questions to contact us thru the website or via e-mail. You may also contact our Staff Instructors that help us with the CCH Classes and other courses:

- Buster Flowers, a retired Louisiana State Trooper and a Firearm Instructor with them, has been helping us conduct the CCH Classes for the past 12 years. Being a road trooper, and Narcotic Investigator, Buster has valuable information and knowledge when it comes to carrying a firearm and critical incidents.
- Col. Brad Rogers just recently joined us about 2 years ago and his experience as an Instructor in Hunter Education Courses and firearms safety is an asset to our CCH Classes and Advanced Carry Concealed Classes.
- Lt. J.D. Faulkner, retired from Homer Police Dept. joined us two years ago and we could have not found any one better to assist us in classroom and range firearms safety. Lt. Faulkner can also share with you information on what happens to survival skills during a critical incident.
- John Stanley joined us about seven years ago when we were conducting CCH Classes in Minden. John is with the Office of Emergency Preparedness in Webster. John has researched extensively the application process for obtaining a CCH permit from the state and does a fine job sharing his knowledge with you in that area in our course. John also assists us with range safety.
- Lane Whitehead, retired from LA Dept. of Public Safety / Corrections, and whom Butch and I have known for many years, has just joined us this year and is going to be a big help with GETS in logistics, records and computer technology.

It is our mission at GETS, to offer any type of survival skill to anyone or to any agency or institution, so that it may one day possibly save their life during a critical incident, whether it is with a firearm or empty hand techniques.

Butch & I both have been involved in serious situations where the training we have received has made it possible for us to be here today. We, thru GETS, would like to share our survival skills and techniques to those who are interested in not being a victim.

Please visit our website, <u>www.DefensiveTraining.us</u>, for further updates and a schedule of future classes.

Stay Safe and remember to carry concealed!

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