



GOLDEN EAGLE TRAINING & SAFETY

August 2012 Newsletter

Just as we were completing August's newsletter, the movie massacre in Aurora, Colorado occurred. A very tragic ordeal for not only the families of the 12 victims, but for the 50+ injured and also for everyone there that early Friday morning. People in attendance at a midnight matinee of the new Batman movie were fired upon by a very well armed young maniac. Twelve people who had did nothing but go to a movie had their life snuffed out by rounds from one of this sick person's three firearms he had while shooting at people trying to flee from the theater. An ordeal that no one wants to go thru. One has to think, like Butch & I have discussed, that what if one or even two CCH Permit holders carrying concealed could have changed some of the outcome. It does make a difference when someone is throwing projectiles going 2,500 feet per second back at the other one.

Although this will be discussed more in September's newsletter, Butch & I always stress in our classes and to everyone that if you can legally carry conceal,.....carry concealed! No one can predict when a similar incident like the one that occurred in Colorado will happen. They didn't in this one and in many that happened before this. One must always be prepared for the unexpected. One good reason why Butch & I offer further training in shooting handguns is to better prepare someone carrying a concealed firearm. May God continue to be with the families of those that lost their life in the Colorado movie shooting and with the ones that were affected by it.

July went by without G.E.T.S. conducting any type of training for the public or law enforcement. Having conducted training for the past 21 years, the summer months are usually the slowest months of the year for having training for law enforcement or for the public, mainly due to July and August being the hottest months of the year and also the months where the majority of the people not only with law enforcement or correctional agencies , but civilians also, are on vacation or spending valuable time with their families. Something each and everyone of us should do more often. However, even though Butch & I were not holding civilian classes or instructing at some law enforcement / correctional facility, it didn't mean neither of us was preparing for our upcoming classes.

July ,August, & occasionally September, are usually the months that Butch & I are recertifying ourselves as instructors in what we do. Just because we have trained to become Instructors / Instructor Trainers, (ability to certify others as instructors), doesn't mean further training has stopped for us. As a matter of fact, it means that we have to train twice as hard to keep our status in what we teach. The criteria for continuing to keep our teaching status becomes more difficult each year. It doesn't mean that once we obtained the status that each of us have, we don't have to learn anymore. It is just the opposite, in that we are continuing to learn more and more as time goes on.

This is not only the way with Instructors / Instructor Trainers, but also with individuals in law enforcement / corrections who have just completed a basic firearms class or individuals in a basic civilian firearms class. Training, learning, and knowledge doesn't stop after that, but is a continuing process also for them. No one can ever learn enough. When one gets to the point

where they have thought they have learned enough or can't learn any more in what they are doing, it is time to stop and do something different. At one point Butch & I may get to that point, but both of us know now that we have yet to reach that. That is why we use the months we are not teaching as months to continue to learn. We also use the time we are teaching others as a time to learn also. We can all always learn from others. And we have actually done that with some of you that may have attended one of our basic CCH Classes. We may have observed how you were handling a firearm in the classroom or on the range and liked what we saw. We may have even used one of you as an example doing something we saw for the first time or to repeat something we have never heard and liked.

We would like to let each of you know thru this month's Newsletter of our upcoming tentative training. No training will be conducted in August, unless we get a last minute request to conduct something. A basic CCH Class will be conducted in Sept. in Springhill and a Basic CCH Class and an Advanced CCH Class will be held in October in Homer. The dates have yet to etched in stone but that is our plan for firearm courses for the public. In September, we also plan to hold a Personal Safety Class in Homer, which is a basic class for civilians in self-defense techniques. We encourage everyone to attend but stress the teams of wife & husband or significant other. No one gets hurt but everyone learns valuable information & techniques.

Butch & I hope that each of you that read our Newsletters have had a safe and enjoyable July. We hope that if you went on vacation, it was a safe one, and if legal to carry concealed, did so. If you have yet to go on that vacation and intend to in August, we hope it is a safe and memorable one and remember to carry concealed if legal to.

Butch & I again want to extend our appreciation to those that have attended any of our classes and welcome you to our website anytime. If either of us can do anything for you, do not hesitate to let us know. And since August is that time that schools start back in session, please be extra cautious on the road and around schools. Watch out for our young ones. Have a safe and great August and expect to hear from us again.

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