



GOLDEN EAGLE TRAINING & SAFETY

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A month or more has now gone by since the deadly shooting rampage in Aurora, Colorado and as usual, we are not hearing as much as we did in the week or two after the incident. Happens that way with all tragic events. One can't help to think, (especially us Use of Force instructors), what the outcome would have been if just one or two carry concealed permit holders were there and were packing. I firmly believe that the result would have been entirely different. And there is no reason why it shouldn't have been. We'll get back to this in a moment but we would first like to mention something else.

Most of our readers are either permit carriers or soon will be. And most of our readers have attended one of our basic CCH courses or we hope are about to. The basic CCH's material is mandated by Louisiana Concealed Handgun Permit Laws and Administrative Rules, (can easily be downloaded and view on LSP's website), and is very enjoyable to read. On page 19, section 1311, Handgun Training Requirements, it specifically states and quotes "Upon application to the department for a permit, all applicants shall demonstrate competence with a handgun by any one of the following: 1. Completion of any Department of Public Safety and Corrections approved firearms safety or training course which shall, (look that word up), include at least a minimum of nine hours of instructions as detailed below: (and we will condense), a. one hour of nomenclature and safe handling; b. one hour of ammunition knowledge and fundamentals of shooting; c. one hour of handgun shooting positions instructions; d. three hours on the use of deadly force and conflict resolution which will include a review of R.S. 14:18 through 14:22; e. one hour of child access prevention; f. two hours of actual live range fire and proper handgun cleaning procedures and that live range fire shall,(there is that word again), include 12 rounds each at six feet, ten feet and fifteen feet for a total of 36 rounds,(why we ask you to bring at least two boxes of fifty), and that each applicant must perform at least one safe reload of your handgun at each position." And then it gives six more ways to get the requirements for applying but I am going to list only one and it is because it is going to be discussed a little more later on in this newsletter. "#7. proof of completion of small arms training while serving with the armed forces of The United States of America as described in R.S. 40:1379.3 (D)(1)(b), (c), and (e)." We

sometimes wonder how other classes charge so much and complete the course in half-a-day or two to three hours. We keep the class fee as low as we can so people can afford it and cover everything that is mandated. So we guess you can call it “getting a bigger bang for your buck or dollar”. Now we can quit boring you and get to the “meat” of this month’s newsletter.

You can most likely see that the material mandated in the basic CCH class isn’t going to prepare you much for a similar incident as “The Theater Shooting.” And trust us, there will be more attempts to copycat that ordeal. There already has been and were foiled due to good cop work. Can you just imagine if just one or two of those people in that theater at that time were “packing” legally? We do. Butch and I and lot more of us active and retired cops are prepared for such an incident. We promise you that if we were there, the outcome would have most definitely been drastically changed.....for the better. What would you have done if it were you in that theater at that moment? Would it have changed and would you of changed it? We hope so. But the material we covered in our basic CCH course wouldn’t have prepared you. Further firearms training can though and some of you may have already fulfilled it. But that is the main reason we offer advanced CCW courses. To better prepare a person in a critical incident. No we don’t charge a lot for that course. Same as a basic, \$50 but we do require a participant to have more ammunition. But only 200 more than we require in the basic CCH. 300 rounds. That is why we also keep the course fee low. \$50, 300 rounds, a sack lunch, and eight to nine hours of your time, and you will walk away more competent in your firearm, competent, that word in the section we quoted out of the Laws and Administrative Rules. Competent, that word that will also help reduce survival stress that we discussed in an earlier newsletter.

The only other requirement we have for our advanced CCW course is that; a participant currently holds a CCW permit, (from any state), or, not and, or, you have went through one of our Basic CCH Classes. Which basically means if you have completed one of our basic CCH classes and have applied or will apply, you are eligible to attend. We guarantee you will come out of that course more competent than you were before the class started. And only with 300 rds!

Now we want to touch on that #7 we listed earlier. Where it simply states that if you have proof of completion of a small arms course while in the military, it makes you eligible to apply. Which by golly it should. But we will tell you what, we have seen a lot of military individuals

shoot a firearm in the law enforcement environment and we had hoped our military instructors didn't train them like that. But if they had completed that course and had proof, they submitted it along with the application to the State Police and in a few weeks they get the permit. And they should, if they actually fit that criteria. By gosh, we need all the retired military folks and active military folks carrying concealed and as many as we can get. Why not? They can go to some foreign land and carry a whole lot bigger firearm and shoot at dirt bags or sacrifice their life trying to protect ours. Why can't they carry concealed, in uniform and out of uniform? And why can't we let that authority come from the military and not the State Police.

Now do not get us wrong. The Louisiana State Police are the best law enforcement agency the state has and they do their duties extremely well and with professionalism. But their CCH section is flooded with applicants every day and we would bet you, even more in the past month after the Colorado incident. And I don't think you would get one complaint out of them if this country's military took on the responsibility of saying who can carry conceal in their department and who can't. Why shouldn't they? Whether it is the Marines, Army, Air Force, Navy or National Guard. Why shouldn't they be given the authority to issue their own CC cards? What would you personally think would have happened if there were three Marines in the theater at the time of the shooting? It would have been an entirely different ending.

If you agree with at least in part of our military personnel carrying concealed and able to do so with the authority of our military, and this includes our National Guard, contact your Senator / Representative and let them know. It will take some sort of law or statue to cover that. Yes and I know some of you might be thinking that you would not like to see a certain person in the military carrying concealed but we can only come back with we have not liked seeing some people we saw carrying concealed either but they do. Trust me, if and when such an act comes about, the military will darn sure have some stricter guidelines.

Okay we have bored you enough and will close in saying we are having two classes in October. October the 13th, a basic CCH class in Homer, LA and a week later, the 20th, an advanced CCW Class in Homer, LA. If you know of anyone interested, give them the information for getting to our website or print them off the form to mail in. We are holding the Advanced class after the Basic so it gives an opportunity for those to

attend. We have to limit the Advanced class to the first thirty applicants received.

And one last bit of information, if any of you know of or are interested in starting one or even rebuilding on a current website, we recommend the author of our website, Joel Ponder. He has done a fabulous, no, a superb job in rebuilding the one we initially had and you should be able to tell that by visiting ours. He also has about the same concept we do in cost. He is reasonable and very good. We can't say enough about him and if anyone doesn't at least get in touch with him before starting one or looking to do something different with a current one, they are making a big mistake by not contacting him. You can contact Joel via his website at <http://www.KCWD.com>.

As they use to say in the old cartoon shows and some of you can remember this, "That's all folks", for this month.

Stay Safe and remember to Carry Concealed!

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