

JANUARY 2013 Newsletter

We would first like to start this month's newsletter off with Happy New Year to all of you that have been with us for awhile and to any new ones that are reading this for the first time. We hope the year 2013 is a much better year for all of you and most of all, a safe year. Butch & I will be conducting numerous classes this year and if there is any way we can help any of you, simply let us know.

One can't help not talk about the horrible tragedy that struck the city of Newton, Connecticut last month. An insane individual shooting his way into an elementary school and killing twenty school children between the ages of six and seven and six school employees. Having shot his mother to death at her house before driving to the school, shooting his way in and then started shooting people. They can say what they want about he was this kind of person or he had this problem or whatever. He had enough time to think about what he had just done, (shooting his mother in the head), while driving to the school and thinking about what he was about to do. If he hadn't revoked his own birth certificate in that school, by gosh someone should have. How tragic for the families of those innocent children and school employees, two who knowingly fought back bravely. No one cannot imagine what they are going through. We can only continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers, and be thankful for a state like ours that allows reputable citizens to carry concealed.

Now sweeping across the nation there is a big debate and uproar about gun laws. There should be! Especially after something like what happened at Sandy Hook. Butch & I totally agree. There should be stricter rules on what type of firearms people should own. We have been stressing that ever since we started teaching Carrying Concealed Classes back in the late 1990's. We strongly believe the military type weapons, (assault rifles, AR-15's, etc, etc), should not be sold to the public, period. No buts, no ifs, no ands about, should be banned. For Law Enforcement or Military only. Oh yes, sure, we know the bad guys can get their hands on them but we have things for those bad guys too. I hope we don't lose too many of you by saying this, but it just an opinion coming from two people with over 60 combined years of law enforcement experience. We apologize if your opinion differs...

Before we stress our other remarks about the gun laws, we have to ask each of you a "what if" question. Let's say you have this scum bag with a bag of rocks in an open field with no rocks to pick up and he starts throwing rocks at you. What is going to be your first reaction and what is he going to do? Now that should be a no brainer, right? Correct, you are going to try to get away from him and he is going to try to close the distance on you because he has what? Yes, rocks. Now let's take that same scenario but this time let's put both of you in a parking lot full of rocks and him with a bag of rocks and he starts throwing them at you. What are you going to do then and what is he going to do? Yep, that's right, you are going to start

chunking rocks right back at him faster than he is and he is going to dodge and move back and away. You have just changed the rules of the game by throwing rocks right back at him.

Works the same way in any type of situation, whether it is rock throwing or shooting. Any time you can start throwing lead or copper back at the other person, it changes their thought process totally. Don' we wish this scum bag would of walked into perhaps the school in the tiny town of Harrold, Texas. The outcome would have been totally different. The town allows teachers to carry concealed. Yes, that is right. We said teachers carry concealed. Why shouldn't they? Wouldn't the outcome at Sandy Hook or at any other previous school shootings been different if two, three, or perhaps four people were carrying concealed. If you are not shaking your head yes, you are not reading this. Well now you are saying I wouldn't trust some of the teachers I know to carry concealed. Good point. That is why LA has one of the strictest application process and if that person in that position teaching couldn't pass a CCH permit application, they sure do not need to be teaching, period. Now we are getting off on a totally different subject.

We like the NRA's recommendation of beefing up security at schools across the nation. You can take a deep breath, lean back in that chair, and most likely come up with three to four ways the school in your area can cut cost to pay for security at your school. Now, if you can come up with ways to cut cost, don't you think the people you put in position to do the same can do it also? We would hope so. Folks, we can come up with ten to fifteen excellent retired cops or ex-military people in your area that would make a fine protector in your schools. The children are most definitely worth any price. We know we all agree on that!

Okay, in closing, we like to inform you of an additional training program we have added to our program, School Safety & Healthy Children. You can go to our website and find the section and click on it to learn more about it but we encourage it to not only educators in your area but also to the parents of children who go to school. Just to mention a few of the areas it covers; School Climate & Safety, Common Classroom and School Hazards, Hazard Awareness for Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness, Reducing the Risk of Physical Assault, Homeland Security for Schools and several other important areas concerning the safety and security of school children. It is a good program. Recommend it to your educators in your area.

Again, we wish you a Happy ,Safe ,& Prosperous New Year in 2013.

Our first Carrying Concealed Handgun Class will be held in Homer on Feb. 16th, 2013. Continue to check our website for registration details or watch for the ad in your local paper. We ask those that can, to remember to carry concealed!

Butch & Steve