

March 2013 Newsletter

We are a little late with this month's letter so we won't bore you with irrelevant information. G.E.T.S conducted only one Carrying Concealed Handgun Class last month, (February), and had a real good attendance,(62), along with 8 re-certs. The training location could not have been more perfect in David Wade Correctional Center's recently built multi-purpose building adjacent to the range. The classroom was idea and the range was with a stone's throw. Could not have asked for any better, similar to what Bossier Sheriff's Office Training offers. We appreciate the opportunity to conduct a CCH class in the new facility at DWCC and thank Warden Jerry Goodwin and Col. Brad Rogers and his fellow staff in all their help.

We are planning an Advanced CCH Class in April and will be sending out dates in e-mails similar to this and by ads in the newspaper. You don't want to miss attending one these courses. We will be giving well-in advance notice and keeping the registration / tuition fee still at fifty dollars as getting ammunition for one of these classes is most difficult and expensive and we understand that. This shortage of ammunition will soon level out and get back to normal. If you can remember back to Sept. 2001, a similar shortage took place when law enforcement agencies started buying everything in sight as they thought a war was coming on our shores. Took a while for it to also level back out. The same will happen here. Couple more months and ammunition will again be readily available. If you can't wait to go shoot, go get a muzzle loader rifle or pistol, black powder. It takes a little work to fire one but the end result is the same.

There is another inexpensive way you can practice firearms training without purchasing a firearm or ammunition. No, it is not Xbox 360 or PlayStation, although that is a good idea. Next time you are in Wal-Mart, go to the Sporting Goods area and look at the pellet gun pistols and/or plastic pellet pistols. A majority of them function just like a firearm and with some innovative thinking of backstops,(cardboard boxes, pillows, etc.etc.), you can shoot these in your living room, TV room, or wherever in your house, still obeying the four rules of firearms safety. You can even shoot these in your backyard, in a safe manner and achieve the effects of the fundamental of shooting,(grip, trigger

control, sight alignment, sight picture, breath control) and also fundamentals of combat shooting. We occasionally will use these type of firearms for carrying concealed classes when the weather is just downright horrible. As a matter of fact, in March of 2010, that is what we did for one class in Homer for the elderly and we were still within the guidelines. These type of guns are fun and can be addictive. Check it out. They are not that expensive, the ammunition is readily available and they can be a lot of fun shooting, inside or outside, while abiding by the Four Rules of Firearms Safety.

We would like to hear from you about any encounters you have regarding carrying concealed. Shoot us an e-mail through the website. We also would like to hear any comments from you regarding our classes, good or bad. We take criticism seriously and learn from it. If any of you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either one of us, (Butch or Steve). Remember to always carry concealed when you can and stay safe.

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