



## **GOLDEN EAGLE TRAINING & SAFETY CLASSES IN MARCH 2015**

*Golden Eagle Training & Safety will be conducting a Carrying Concealed Handgun Class and an Advanced Carrying Concealed Weapons Class March 14<sup>th</sup> at David Wade Correctional Center's Joseph P. Whittington Range. The range is located on Whittington Rd. about 2 miles west of the main gate to the prison off of Bell Hill Rd. Registration can be done online at [www.defensivetraining.us](http://www.defensivetraining.us) ; by e-mailing G.E.T.S at [gets@kcwd.com](mailto:gets@kcwd.com) and requesting a registration form or by calling 318-465-0633 or 318-347-2329. The cost for either course is \$62. You won't find a class anywhere in the state that cost as less and as well conducted. The class covers all the requirements by the LA State Police Carrying Concealed Handgun plus more. Those that have been through G.E.T.S classes know that. G.E.T.S. has improved the Basic class in 2015 and has also added some skills in the Advanced class. Spread the word about this March 14<sup>th</sup> class and think about attending the Advanced class. We are having folks that went through the Advanced class returning for a second time.*

*As you can easily see with the different formats of our last few month's newsletters, we are trying several styles and types. We don't want to confuse or lose any of you in this minor transition so please pardon our testing period and be patient. As always we would appreciate any feedback, positive or negative. Our website builder (Joel Ponder) hasn't lost his patience with our trial period of newsletters. He continues to do us a great job and posts the newsletter without comment or complaint. We know we may have put a "plug" in before about Joel and his skills but I guess this is as good as anytime as ever to again give him another "atta-boy". If there are any of you or if you know of anyone interested in starting a website or redoing a current website, it would be to your or their best interest to consider Mr. Ponder at Key-Comb Web Design. We were lucky to grab him. He has done us a fantastic job in website building, maintaining and programming. We have been using Mr. Joel now going on a three year anniversary and two of those three years in providing his services have been with one of us 9,000+ miles away. We hope he doesn't mind us bragging about him and hopefully sending him some more business. Here is his easiest contact info; [joel.ponder@kcwd.com](mailto:joel.ponder@kcwd.com). You or whoever contacts him won't be disappointed.*

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## **REASONS TO CARRY CONCEALED**

For those of you that have attended our courses, in opening, we asked what your reason for attending the class was and we gave several possible answers. We mentioned that you may be in the class because you were a firm believer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Bill of Rights, or that you thought you were in danger of a “Post Office Shooting” incident, or that you were concerned about all the Church shootings or that you may be attending the class because of all the “School Shooting” incidents in our country. Let’s discuss some more “down to earth” reasons why one would want to carry concealed. We will leave out the reasons just mentioned, even about the strong belief in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment as that Bill of Right says nothing about the right to carry concealed. *(A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.)* We will just mention the main reasons we hear why people elect to conceal carry.

**1. To Protect Yourself.** That is most likely the number one reason why people are interested in carrying concealed. Everyone knows they have a right to have a firearm and want to execute that right. Open carry is perfectly legal in most states however like any Cop will tell you that if they see someone open carrying, their attention is going to be directed to them. The right to carry concealed, legally is a privilege, just like our driver license is. Being aware that a critical incident of someone confronting you with a knife, or a firearm or a darn big stick just might happen and you want to be prepared if it does. Nothing wrong with that. Survival nature in all of us. You hope it never happens but carrying concealed gives us all that added assurance that if something does happen like that, we may save ourselves from getting seriously injured or losing our life.

**2. To Protect Our Family and Loved Ones.** This is most likely the second reason people have to carry concealed and if #1 and #2 are switched, nothing wrong with that. In fact when asked, a large majority will put the two together when giving their reason to conceal carry. But before you can protect those with you, you have to keep yourself from being hurt or fatally injured. We hope that we never have to do that but if a bad situation does occur, we feel better carrying concealed.

**3. Physical Limitations.** This is most likely the third or second reason folks want to carry concealed. Some of us just don’t have the physical capacity to protect ourselves if someone did try to take violent measures on us. Old age, injuries, illness, disabilities and any other number of conditions can interfere. Having a concealed weapon to add onto your sense of security seems completely reasonable.

**4. Live in a High Crime Area or Work in a High Crime Area.** This is another reason we hear from some folks. Although it is not a priority reason, it is mentioned occasionally. However, those that live in a high crime area or high crime employment area are most likely carrying a firearm or have one in their house and/or vehicle already.

## **ONLINE APPLYING PROCESS**

As we mentioned and briefly covered in our first class in 2015 (Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>) applying online or electronically is now in full swing with LSP. We would like to hear from those that have done so and how long it takes for the permit to get in their hands. Mailing in is still an option with the only exception being with the mail in process, you have to include the fingerprint cards which we still do at our classes. Let us know how that online process is going.

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