

## **HAPPY BELATED 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!**

*By the time you receive this, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July has been and gone and we hope each of you had a good and safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July. There is one thing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July brings around along with fireworks and that is good BBQ, (if it isn't too hot), watermelons and homemade ice cream. And along with that brings good family fellowship and togetherness.*

### **APPLYING FOR A LA CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT**

*Although we cover the process for applying for a LA Carrying Concealed Handgun (CCH) permit extensively in our classes, we thought we would summarize the process in this month's newsletter since we have taken a break from conducting the classes due to LA hot summer days. Completing the application, which can be downloaded and completed or downloaded and printed from the LSP CCH Unit website or by simply contacting us through our website ([www.defensivetraining.us](http://www.defensivetraining.us)) and requesting one, is the first procedure. The application consist of the first two pages being informational and instructional. They tell the periods of permits available and the cost along with the cost for those over 65. Those first two pages also tell the do's and don'ts of filling out the application, what is required to complete the application. It takes roughly five minutes to thoroughly read the first two pages. The next three pages of the application is the start of the application itself and is referred to as section A. The third page is called the "Affidavit off Fact". That page requires a Notary signature and seal. That is basically saying that you have read the application filled it out to the "whole truth and nothing but the truth". The sixth page of the eight page packet is the second page of the three requiring a Notary and is labelled "B". It is titled "Indemnification and Hold Harmless Affidavit." It basically says that you are responsible for all costs arising from the process of applying for the permit. Page 7, form "C", is the third page requiring Notary signature and seal for everyone. It is the "Authorization for Release of Medical and Personal Information". It authorizes the LSP CCH Unit to obtain any information or records on you pertaining to medical, criminal, physical, psychiatric, and substance abuse. The eighth page is probably the most important and in our opinion one of the most ignored of all the pages by most everyone. It is a Required Document Checklist. If you go by this checklist and in lieu of failing to have the required information in section A or failing to properly have notarized all three forms, A, B, & C, you can't go wrong in sending in the mandatory documents. The first five boxes is everything everyone needs to send in with the application. The remaining five boxes doesn't cover everyone. You checked divorced in the "Marital Status" section, then copies of the settlement in that divorce will be needed. If you have been arrested, then the status of those arrest(s) or Certified True Copies of court minutes need to be sent in. A copy of your DD-214 should be attached if you have checked that you served in the Military and for the light of us, we cannot figure out why you wouldn't indicate that if you have. If you are currently in Military, you may include a copy of your current orders or ID. In answering the questions on page 4 and you answered "yes" to any of the questions from #13 to #19, then the Medical Summary must be filled out completely by the treating physician and*

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*Attached. In that box titled Medical Summary Disposition, it is clearly recognizable and states that "This information MUST be included with your application". If you have to fill out one of the Medical Summary Disposition forms by the Dr., it will bog down the process some, and that depends if you didn't have it filled out before the class was over. In lieu of getting court documents, civil and/or criminal and any necessary military records, and one does not need to have the Medical Summary Disposition filled out, when one completes our class on the Saturday afternoon, they should be able to get a money order, seal it up and mail that following Monday. Just remember to double check the checklist on the final page of the application and adhere to what applies to you. As we have mentioned in previous newsletters, online processing is now available but you still have to scan and send in the forms requiring notary, the certificate and mail in fingerprint cards. We have been told that some who have elected to apply that way, that it takes about 30 days to get the permit back, less if you are renewal. You have one year from the date of completion of the class to send in the application, however, they have to receive it within that one year period. We are sure that the LSP will be improving the online process as time goes on. As we have said many times, you run into any stumbling blocks during the process when away from the class, give us a call and see if we can help. Next month we will discuss the renewal process.*

### **CARRYING CONCEALED HANDGUNS**

*In the past two and half years, we have conducted 19 CCH classes with 412 in total attendance of future CCH permit holders. We wish we could come up with an approximate number of how many obtained their permits out of that 412, but we strongly believe it is around 80% that go on through the process. We have seen many of different handguns of those 412 and we have mentioned in the classes that some of the firearms that come through the class are not good for carrying concealed. Six and four inch revolvers, full size semi-automatics and 22 single shot revolvers. That is why we offer anyone who wants to shoot a different firearm and more related to carry concealed. There are numerous brands and models of firearms that are available for carrying concealed on the market today. One is as good as the other it just depends on the person's choice, just like all the different type of automobiles we have to choose from, deciding on a brand name of a firearm is similar to choosing a make of a vehicle. For a Lincoln you will pay a bigger price than a Chevrolet, for a Kimber or a Detonics you will pay a higher price. But the Chevrolet will get you to where you are going as well as the Lincoln and a Smith & Wesson will do the same job as a Kimber. Whatever price you decide to pay for a firearm to carry concealed, just be sure it is one that you can carry concealed. We have said this in our classes, if it isn't small enough to carry concealed, you will most likely not carry it with you concealed a majority of the time. You don't have to pay \$500, \$600 or more for a firearm to carry concealed. Somewhere between \$350 and \$450 is about the average price you will pay for a carrying concealed handgun, lower than that if you purchase it used, just like you would for a used vehicle. And it will perform for you just like a new one. If you elect to carry a small semi-automatic, there are several factors you should consider. If you carry the semi-automatic in a purse or pouch with other items, you need to be thinking about the grit and dirt that might get on that semi-automatic. You need to really consider your hand strength also having a semi-automatic.*

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Some carrying concealed semi-automatics have difficulties working the slide. Sure enough you don't have to pull the slide back to fire the first shot or each shot, but what if jams on you and you have to work the slide or pull the slide back and perhaps lock it back. You might be thinking about this when carrying a semi-automatic but you want to be sure the magazine hasn't disengaged or popped out unintentionally from the weapon and will it fire with the magazine out. Yes, most semi-automatics today will fire with the magazine out, making it a true combat weapon but that is something you want to consider when deciding on a semi-automatic. Beretta, Smith & Wesson, Ruger, Springfield and Taurus all offer a nice concealable in different calibers. Most gun dealers don't mind you paying for one, shooting it, then decide you would like to try something different. And if you know the gun dealer real well, might even let you shoot it before buying it. Bass Pro, Walmart or other big firearm dealers might not let you do that. The larger the caliber in a carrying concealed handgun, the heavier it will be, the more it will recoil when practice shooting (recoil not that big of a factor in when shooting to survive) and the higher the price for the ammo. The S&W Body Guard, the Beretta Nano and the Springfield XDS are all fine carrying concealed automatics available in different calibers. We answer anyone who asks; "What is the best caliber to carry?" with whatever caliber you wouldn't like to get shot with. That pretty much covers everything from a .45 to a .22. Not what you hit them with but where. Now we will have to say that about the best carrying concealed handgun you can get is a five-shot revolver. Not much can go wrong with those. Just point and pull the trigger. The S&W 642 is one of the best carrying concealed handgun you can get for under \$400. Ruger offers the same type, Taurus also. The .38 caliber 5-shot 2 inch barrel revolver is fairly much a fine carrying concealed weapon. The smaller the caliber in that type of firearm pretty much makes it lighter to carry. The Lady S&W is all around about the best concealed carry firearm for females. Lightweight, easy to control, and fun to shoot. You have any questions whatsoever about getting a carrying concealed weapon for carry, don't hesitate to contact us.

### **ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

As other CCH agencies are now doing, we have also started allowing anyone who is currently active duty military free tuition to our Basic CCH Classes. Although any one in that status may not need the class, if they have fulfilled the training requirement while with the military, those that do not and are wanting to attend the class to apply for a LA CC permit, they will be our guest and can attend the class without paying registration fee. We are not only grateful for our country's Veterans for their sacrifice and service but also for our country's active military personnel. We asked that all of you never pass up an opportunity to thank a Vet or our active military individuals but also thank those that are your local public safety and law enforcement personnel for their sacrifice.

**Enjoy the rest of July and remember to always carry concealed legally and most of all; Stay Safe!**

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