

JANUARY 30th FIRST CLASS IN 2016

Golden Eagle's first class in 2016 will be held Saturday, January 30th at DWCC in Homer, LA where they were held in 2015. We are holding both the Basic CCH and the Advanced CCW class as we did in 2015. The course fee went up a tad bit from 2015 to \$75 for each class. We again offer group rates to Church's, Institutions or School Administration / Faculty and those can be obtained by contacting us. Anyone wanting to register for the upcoming Jan. 30th class can do so on our website www.defensivetraining.us or by contacting us at 318-465-0633 or by e-mail at steverisner@bellsouth.net or hshaver811@yahoo.com. The next class after Jan. 30th has not been set however it should be around the first of March. We are starting to see quite a few renewals coming to our classes. It is good to see everyone again who went through our classes in 2010 & 2011.

CARRYING CONCEALED CONCERNS

As most of you already know, our neighboring state Texas passed a law for "Open Carry" of firearms which went in effect January 1st, 2016. Texas now joins other states in the United States with similar laws. Those being; Kansas, Alaska, (if you can stand the cold), Vermont, Arizona, Wyoming, Colorado (except in City and County of Denver), Delaware, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio (yes, Ohio), South Dakota, Virginia, Washington (the state, not DC), West Virginia, Wisconsin and Alabama. Now New Mexico is a state that is not reciprocal with LA in carrying concealed handgun but you can open carry? Go figure. And Ohio being an Open Carry state? However, in Ohio, open carry is not permitted in vehicles without a Concealed Handgun License. Local firearm laws were preempted in 2007. And also in the state of Washington, open carry is legal without a license, but to carry a handgun loaded in a vehicle one needs a concealed pistol license. The carrying of loaded rifles and shotguns in vehicles is also restricted in the state of Washington. Now get this, in New Hampshire, the law allows open carry in all public places; including the state house in Concord, NH. Vehicle transportation is considered concealment, and requires permit. What? As mentioned above, open carry is legal in

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#1. Is it legal to carry an exposed handgun?" and #2. Do Parishes and/or Municipalities have the power to regulate the carrying of exposed handguns?" The AG responds, "the carrying of an exposed handgun is not illegal, except as provided in LA R.S. 14:95.1." And citing City of Shreveport V. Curry and City of Shreveport V. Bukhett, 357 S.2d 1078, (LA. 1978) the AG answers " It is the opinion of this office that the state statutes aforementioned have the purpose of establishing a general scheme to control weapons (handguns) and that a fair reading of those statutes show this would constitute an area in which the state has preempted the legislative control and has implicitly authorized the carrying of unconcealed weapons. Therefore, an ordinance enacted by a Parish and/or Municipality regulating the carrying of exposed handguns would be without effect as being in conflict with State Law. A bill is currently in Legislature now filed by Representative Barry Ivey from East Baton Rouge, HB4, in regards to Weapons/Firearms, calls for a Constitutional Amendment to provide that the right to keep and bear arms includes the right to carry a concealed handgun without a permit or license. The bill is before the Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice for preview. Don't know if this Bill will fly but sounds American doesn't it?

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 grateful for our country's active military personnel. We asked all of you to 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.

HAVE A SAFE AND WARM REMAINING JANUARY

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