

FORCE OPTIONS EARLY WINTER 2022 EDITON

DON'T BE A VICTIM!!



Force Options News

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a smooth transition back into school and fall sports. We did have to skip a few classes with fall sports, but we did seem to manage ok. Thank you to all of you for working with me on this. I really appreciate it! hope those of you that either participated or had a child in fall sports had fun.

Now the holiday season is starting. I know the holiday season gets terribly busy and many of you may be planning holiday trips. If you are planning a vacation, please let me know, whenever you can. My family does not have any trips planned this holiday season so classes should run as normal, except for Christmas.

There will be no class on Christmas eve and Christmas day. I will be available for classes on Saturday December 31st, and Sunday News year Day after 11:00am Please let me know if you plan to attend on those days, so I can decide class schedule for those days. We can always work in an extra class on a weekend if it works for you to make up for that time, or just take the time off and I can reduce monthly cost.

New Students

We have added two new youth students. In October, Jackson, and Isaac. **Welcome!**



Rank and Promotions

RANK ADVANCEMENTS

The following students have advanced in Rank
Congratulations to all!!

Rylan Orange Belt 8th Gup Rylan
Also Received his Focus and Drive Certificates and Patches



Dave Green Belt 7th Gup



Mackenzie: Blue Belt 5th Gup



News in the ICHF world

On October 7/9 GM P. & Master Trina attended the Cynthia Rothrock Premier Hall of Fame in Cherry Hill, NJ. They were both inducted as: GM P. "Platinum Life Achievement" – Master Trina: "Master of the Year."

The I.C.H.F 30th Anniversary Seminar in Tennessee, was an enormous success! Please see page 5 and 6 for information about the seminar and images

SELF-DEFENSE AND THE USE OF FORCE CONTINUED!

When is Deadly Force Permissible Continued?

I want to expand on the **Use of Deadly Force** from my last newsletter. It is a bit of a read, but it is important to know! I did cut out information to stay on topic, but you can use the links provided if you choose to read more information.

Castle Doctrine

In Michigan the “**Castle Doctrine**,” which can be found at [MCL § 780.951](#). Applies only at specific locations (i.e., a dwelling, business, or occupied vehicle). In these locations, the Castle Doctrine grants the presumption that you honestly and reasonably believed that the individual against whom deadly force was used was engaged in conduct that would imminently cause death, great bodily harm, or sexual assault to yourself or another. The castle doctrine exists in both common law and Model Penal Code jurisdictions.

This law is contingent on the following stated in [780.951](#)

PRESUMPTION REGARDING SELF-DEFENSE (EXCERPT) Act 311 of 2006

Sec. 1.

- (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), it is a rebuttable presumption in a civil or criminal case that an individual who uses deadly force or force other than deadly force under section 2 of the self-defense act has an honest and reasonable belief that imminent death of sexual assault of, or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another individual will occur if both of the following apply:

- (a) The individual against whom deadly force or force other than deadly force is used is in the process of breaking and entering a dwelling or business premises or committing home invasion or has broken and entered a dwelling or business premises or committed home invasion and is still present in the dwelling or business premises or is unlawfully attempting to remove another individual from a dwelling, business premises, or occupied vehicle against his or her will.
- (b) The individual using deadly force or force other than deadly force honestly and reasonably believes that the individual is engaging in conduct described in subdivision (a).

- (2) The presumption set forth in subsection (1) does not apply if any of the following circumstances exist:

- (a) The individual against whom deadly force or force other than deadly force is used, including an owner, lessee, or titleholder, has the legal right to be in the dwelling, business premises, or vehicle and there is not an injunction for protection from domestic violence or a written pretrial supervision order, a probation order, or a parole order of no contact against that person.
- (b) The individual removed or being removed from the dwelling, business premises, or occupied vehicle is a child or grandchild of, or is otherwise in the lawful custody of or under the lawful guardianship of, the individual against whom deadly force or force other than deadly force is used.

PRESUMPTION REGARDING SELF-DEFENSE (EXCERPT) Act 311 of 2006 Continued

- (c) The individual who uses deadly force or force other than deadly force is engaged in the commission of a crime or is using the dwelling, business premises, or occupied vehicle to further the commission of a crime.
 - (d) The individual against whom deadly force or force other than deadly force is used is a peace officer who has entered or is attempting to enter a dwelling, business premises, or vehicle in the performance of his or her official duties in accordance with applicable law.
 - (e) The individual against whom deadly force or force other than deadly force is used is the spouse or former spouse of the individual using deadly force or force other than deadly force, an individual with whom the individual using deadly force or other than deadly force has or had a dating relationship, an individual with whom the individual using deadly force or other than deadly force has had a child in common, or a resident or former resident of his or her household, and the individual using deadly force or other than deadly force has a prior history of domestic violence as the aggressor.
- (3) As used in this section:
- (a) "Domestic violence" means that term as defined in section 1 of 1978 PA 389, MCL 400.1501.
 - (b) "Business premises" means a building or other structure used for the transaction of business, including an appurtenant structure attached to that building or other structure.
 - (c) "Dwelling" means a structure or shelter that is used permanently or temporarily as a place of abode, including an appurtenant structure attached to that structure or shelter.

You can find more at the link bellow if you are interested!

[Presumption Regarding Act 311 of 2006](#)

“PRESUMPTION REGARDING SELF-DEFENSE (EXCERPT) Act 311 of 2006.” Michigan Legislature - Section 780.951, Michigan.gov, 6 Oct. 2006, <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-780-951>.

Q & A ON SELF-DEFENSE AND WHAT YOU CAN USE!

CAN YOU GO TO JAIL IF YOU DEFEND YOURSELF?

Yes, if your defense claim of self-defense is found to be invalid or unreasonable, the way the law is written means you can absolutely be convicted and sentenced to jail or prison.

Keep in mind that using physical force against someone else is generally illegal, and a claim of self-defense that is found to be valid protects the defender from the consequences of what would otherwise be a criminal act.

Therefore, it is vital to know the law where you are!

It is also important to remember that if you are involved in any defensive encounter where you use any level of force against someone else, there will be some form of legal process following the incident. This process generally begins with a police investigation and arrest, which is why many people interested in personal protection seek some form of self-defense insurance to help cover the legal fees associated with defense against threats.

The law is nuanced, and it is wise to have a lawyer handle issue related to the law and defense against threats for you.

Can You Kill Someone to Defend Yourself from a Threat?

Yes, a valid claim of self-defense will protect you from any criminal penalty that would result from the death of the person attacking them so long as the defender's actions in defense are found to be reasonably, proportionally, and in compliance with all applicable laws. **"Proportionally"** means the person defending themselves must use only the level of force necessary to stop the imminent threat against them, and no more.

Many of the self-defense tools in everyday use, especially a handgun or knife, have the potential to kill or seriously harm the person attacking the defender. Oftentimes, death is the unfortunate result of the force needed to stop someone who is actively attacking another person, but it is never the intended outcome.

The person acting in defense—the defender—must always use only the force necessary to stop the imminent threat and must never actively seek to kill someone else. Seeking to kill someone, even if they are attacking you, can be used by a prosecutor to show malice, which could weaken or defeat the defender's claim of self-defense.

What Self-Defense Tools Can I carry I the State of Michigan?

This is the law as of October 2022 These are subject to change, so we need to stay up on these.

DOES THE LAW LET YOU USE WEAPONS AGAINST SOMEONE TO DEFEND YOURSELF?

Does the Law Let You Stab Someone to Defend Yourself?

Generally, yes, you can stab or slash someone if forced to do so in defense against a threat to protect your life, but it may not be a good idea if you have any other option available to you.

A legal claim of self-defense can be made no matter what the defender uses to protect themselves. However, there are other factors to consider if you are carrying a knife for personal protection.

- The first thing to consider is what the law says about carrying a knife where you live. Many states with some form of permitting process for carrying a handgun have very stringent restrictions on carrying the type of knife that might be useful in a defensive encounter. If you get into an encounter and use a weapon that is illegal to have on your person, it will not automatically invalidate your claim of self-defense, but a prosecutor could use it as evidence that you acted maliciously, and it may weaken your self-defense claim in other ways. Familiarize yourself with the law in your area.
- Another factor to consider is that a defense that involves stabbing someone requires you to be in close physical proximity to them. The closer your attacker is to you, the greater the likelihood that you may be severely injured during the attack. It is almost always better to have as much distance as possible between you and your attacker. Relying on a tool for defense that requires you to be at close range with your attacker could have a very bad outcome.

Does the Law Let You Shoot Someone to Defend Yourself?

Generally, yes! The U.S. Supreme Court has held that the Second Amendment gives individuals the right to have guns and use them for self-defense (District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008)). At the same time, all states have self-defense laws that spell out when you are allowed to use deadly force—including a gun—to defend yourself or someone else. If you intend to carry or keep a gun for self-defense purposes, you should follow your state's gun laws, including the statutes on carrying concealed weapons.

Does the Law Let You Use Self-Defense Keychains to Defend Yourself?

The legality of a tactical keychain for defense is going to depend on what kind of tool is attached to the keychain and the local law governing those tools. For instance, a cat self-defense keychain is likely to be illegal anywhere that bans brass knuckles or similar items. However, pepper spray attached to a keychain may be perfectly legal in the same state where a cat self-defense keychain is illegal. The only way to know for certain is to check your local law that governs which weapons you can legally carry. The law will vary by location, so take the time to check the law not only where you live, but any place you intend to travel

WHAT CAN YOU LEGALLY CARRY & USE IN MICHIGAN

What is legal to carry in the State of Michigan to use for Self-Defense

Here I will breakdown the usage in Michigan for different types of Self-Defense tools. **(Weapons)!**

Legal Self Defense Weapons in Michigan

- Firearms
- Pepper Spray
- Stun Guns
- Some knives
- Tasers

Edged Weapons (Knives):

Knives can be dicey (no pun intended) because there are so many different types out there, but there are not that many that are permitted to be carried here in Michigan.

However, there is a difference between owning a knife that you keep and display in your home and carrying that knife on your person. You can own almost any knife you can think of here in Michigan, but you are not allowed to carry them all on your person.

Also, remember that some cities, like Lansing and Detroit, have passed more restrictive knife laws, so be sure you know what the city ordinances are where you plan to be out and about with your knife.

Knives you can carry:

- Spring-loaded knives (like switchblades)
- Pocket knives
- Hunting knives (if you are using them for hunting and nothing else).

Knives you cannot carry:

- Any double-edged non-folding stabbing knife (like a dagger, dirk, or stiletto)
- Any double-edged automatic knife

Firearms usage and carrying: Legality

Michigan is a shall-issue state meaning a concealed carry.

This means that the state will issue a concealed carry permit unless the applicant is not qualified.

Concealed carry is legal with a Michigan Concealed Pistol License (CPL) and for individuals who have CCW licenses/permits issued by their home state. CPLs require successful completion of a firearms training course that has been state-approved with at least eight hours of instruction, including three hours of range time.

Concealed Pistol Licenses are only issued to residents only unless the applicant is an active-duty military member stationed in Michigan.

The Legality of Pepper Spray in Michigan

Pepper spray is legal to purchase for anyone over the age of 18 and is legal to use in self-defense situations. There are some restrictions you need to be aware of:

- Not more than 35 grams of any combination of orthochlorobenzalmalononitrile and inert ingredients.
- A solution containing not more than 18% oleoresin capsicum.
- A solution containing an ultraviolet dye and not more than 18% oleoresin capsicum
- This spray bracelet from Amazon.com is Michigan law compliant

Self-Defense tools that are illegal to Carry in Michigan?

There are many weapons people can own but you cannot carry them around with you or keep in your car legally. Such as the list below.

- Nunchaku
- Brass Knuckles
- Batons
- Swords
- Clubs
- Spears

In any state Weapons charges can be very serious!

It can be confusing to keep up with what you can and cannot own or carry in Michigan when it comes to weapons. So, we need to stay up on these laws and pay attention when they change.

Crime On the rise!!

In the United States, violent crimes are defined as incidents involving force or the threat of force. The main offences reported under violent crime are murder and non-negligent manslaughter, rape and sexual assault, robbery, and aggravated assault.

Despite the horrific nature of, and high number of casualties from mass shootings, they are generally not reported as a separate category owing to their relative infrequency.

The FBI issued its annual report compiling 2021 crime statistics reported by most police agencies across the nation.

Michigan has four of the top 20 most violent cities in the nation, including Saginaw, Detroit, Kalamazoo, and Lansing, and four communities with the fewest property crimes, including: Independence Township, White Lake Township, West Bloomfield, and Orion Township. Saginaw in 2021 overtook Detroit as the Michigan city with the highest violent crime rate. The two cities are ranked fourth and fifth, respectively, in the nation.

That is according to per capita data collected by the FBI in 2021 from 852 municipalities with more than 30,000 residents.

The number of crimes in Michigan increased at a more rapid pace than the national average. The total number of violent crimes in Michigan increased 4.7%, while the number of property crimes increased 5.8%. Statewide, homicides decreased 6.3%, from 660 in 2020 to 618 in 2021.

Here is a link to the article : [MLIVE Crime in Michigan](#)
Here is the link for Statista: [Statista crime Rate 2021](#)

Just be careful out there, be observant and stay safe!

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ICHF 30TH ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR

The ICHF 30th Anniversary Celebration Event was a great success!

Just over 200 people participated in this historical day of great training, camaraderie, and recognition of Martial Arts achievements.

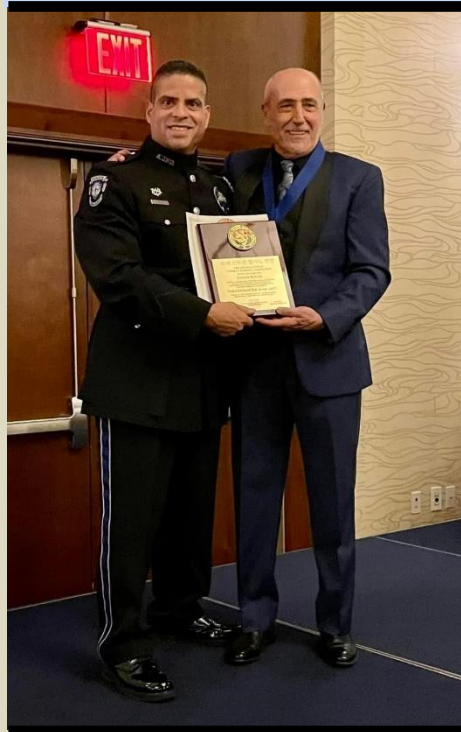
- Two intensive seminars featuring GM Gridley, GM Rivas & GM Melegrito.
- One exceptional demonstration of Aikibudo by Prince Gharios.
- The exciting introduction of a new CH Program, "Dynamic Combat Tactics," by its Director, Senior Master Daniel McCarthy.
- Presentation of four Special Awards to world leaders of Martial Arts.
- GM Pellegrini & Master Trina officially Knighted in the Equestrian Order of Michael Archangel as: Knight Commander and Dame Commander by Prince Gharios.
- Two new Taekwondo Kwan officially established by the ITA.
- Five CH Grandmasters promoted to 9th Dan.
- Seven CH Masters promoted to 8th Dan Grandmaster.
- Ten CH Senior Masters promoted to 7th Dan.
- Sixteen CH Masters promoted to 6th Dan Senior Master.
- Eleven CH Instructors promoted to 5th Dan Master.
- Two TKD Grandmasters promoted to 9th Dan.
- Three TKD Masters promoted to 8th Dan Grandmaster.
- Two TKD Senior Masters promoted to 7th Dan Headmasters.
- Three TKD Masters promoted to 6th Dan Senior Master.
- Two TKD Instructors promoted to 5th Dan Master.
- Everyone promoted to 5th Dan Master and higher (ICHF & ITA) received a FREE LIFETIME membership in the World Martial Arts Alliance & FREE Rank & Title recognition.
- There were also many ICHF & ITA promotions to 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th Dan.
- Seventy-Three Black Belts & Instructors.
- Instructors were inducted in the 2022 "Combat Hapkido Founder's Hall of Honors".
- Three TKD Black Belts were inducted by Senior Master Sage Lehr in the ITA Hall of Honors.
- Twenty-One Students of Kombatano were also promoted to higher rank by GM Melegrito.

SENIOR MASTER TRINA BEING KNIGHTED BY PRINCE GHARIOS.



Sr. Master David Rivas was promoted to 8th Degree Black Belt and earned the title of Grand Master

Sr. Master Mark Gridley was promoted to 8th Degree Black Belt and earned the title of Grand Master



GMP BEING KNIGHTED BY PRINCE GHARIOS.



Sr. Master Eric Deveau was promoted to 8th Degree Black Belt and earned the title of Grand Master

Master Trina Pellegrini was promoted to 6th Degree Black Belt and earned the title of Sr. Master



I.C.H.F 30TH ANNIVERSARY IMAGE GALLERY



New I.C.H.F Uniforms

Senior Master Thomas Locke presented the NEW CH uniform that he has designed and is now offering to our members. Thomas kindly gifted GM P. & Master Trina one of these outstanding dobak! (uniform).

GMP feels It is probably the best MA uniforms he has ever seen. He was so impressed with the material, the exceptional beauty of the embroidery, the fit, the color, and the overall quality, that GM P. is not only endorsing it he is declaring it the OFFICIAL ICHF COMBAT HAPKIDO dobak!

Of course, it is not "Mandatory" The uniform, is NOT sold by DSI HQ. But they strongly recommend that every CH student & Instructor purchase one. They look fantastic and will last for many years. You can order yours from SM Locke at www.warriorcloth.com



If you are interested let me know. Again, this is not a necessity. So do not feel obligated to purchase one of these uniforms

The Protector is \$120.00 and the Protector + Which comes with a large combat Hapkido logo on the back are \$140.00. These are not mandatory! The plain black uniform is perfectly fine. I just wanted to give everyone the option.

Help Our School Grow!

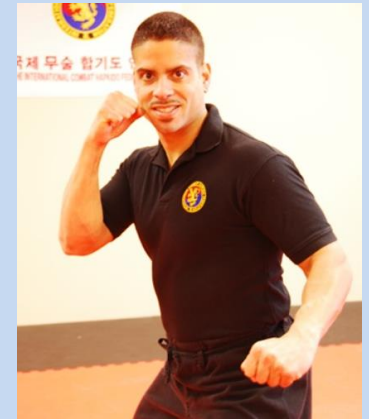
If you would not mind, please give force Options Self-Defense a review on Facebook and Yelp. If you do not feel comfortable giving a review, then please do not feel obligated.

ICHF Apparel

I.C.H.F T-Shirts \$32.00
sizes Small, Medium, Large,
X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large



I.C.H.F Polo T's \$32.00
Sizes Large, X-Large, XX-Large
XXX-Large



Long Sleeve Performance Shirt \$42.00
Sizes Medium, Large, X-Large,
XX-Large



Kubaton Self-Defense Keychain \$10.00



Combat Hapkido Munio Keychain \$14.00



