

1 CONCEALED CARRY CLASS

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Disclaimer: This information is for educational purposes only. I am providing information that I feel is the most important for carrying concealed. I am not a licensed attorney.

2 HANDGUN SAFETY RULES

- Assume the weapon is always loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Never point the weapon at anything you love and don't want to destroy.
- Always keep the weapon pointed in a safe direction.
- Know your target and what's beyond the line of fire.

3 D.R.O.P.

In my opinion, learning how to properly unload a semi-automatic pistol is more important than knowing how to load one. A majority of people hurt themselves with pistols because they thought the weapon was unloaded. Understanding the proper unloading sequence is critical for your safety.

- D: Drop the magazine
- R: Rack the slide
- O: Open the slide (slide-lock)
- P: Pinky or Physically check

4 QUESTIONS?**5 HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR PERMIT**

- Complete a CCW class with a licensed instructor and received your completion certificate of training.
- Make an appointment with the Lee County Tax Collector in downtown Fort Myers at 2480 Thompson Street. You can make an online appointment by going to www.leetc.com and follow the concealed carry prompts. You can also call directly at 239-533-6073. They are currently scheduling about 1 month out.
- You must bring the following:
 - Completion Certificate of Training
 - Driver's License
 - \$119 Fee in cash or money order. Using a credit/debit card will cost an additional 3% service fee.

6 HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR PERMIT

- During your appointment, you will enter your application information at a kiosk, get your fingerprints and photo taken and then your completed application will be sent to the State of Florida for processing.

- Timeframe for approval is a maximum of 90 days. The majority of students receive their concealed carry permit within 4-6 weeks.
- Walk-in service is also available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 based on availability.

7 **HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR PERMIT**

Alternate locations to apply for your permit include other county tax offices (main, no satellite offices) and the Department of Agriculture.

- Department of Agriculture: 4451 Aidan Lane #102, North Port, FL 34287 Phone: 941-240-3160
- Charlotte County: 941-743-1350
- Collier County: 239-252-8171
- Hendry County: 863-983-1586

8 **HOW LONG IS A PERMIT GOOD FOR?**

- There is no expiration date on your Certificate of Completion. I do recommend applying as soon as possible.
- Once you receive your CCW permit, it is good for 7 years.
- To renew your permit, NO additional class is required. It is currently a \$50 renewal fee also completed through the tax collector's office.

9 **QUESTIONS?**

10 **WHO'S ELIGIBLE**

- United States Citizen (you do NOT need to be a Florida Resident)
- Permanent Resident Alien
- Must currently reside in the United States
- Must be 21 years of Age
- Be able to demonstrate competency with a firearm

11 **WHO'S NOT ELIGIBLE**

- Physical inability to handle firearm safely
- A felony conviction (unless your Civil Rights have been restored)
- Have an adjudication withheld or sentence suspended on felony or misdemeanor crime in the last 3 years
- A conviction for misdemeanor crime of violence in last three years
- A conviction for violation of control substance laws or multiple arrests for such offenses
- A record of drug abuse or alcohol abuse
- Two or more DUI convictions within the previous three years
- Being committed to a mental hospital
- Failing to provide proof of proficiency
- Having been issued a domestic violence or an injunction against repeated violence
- Renunciation of U.S. Citizenship
- Dishonorable discharge from the armed forces
- Be a fugitive from justice

12 **3 REASONS TO GET YOUR PERMIT**

1. To conceal carry: The average response time for law enforcement in Lee County is 14 minutes.
2. To purchase a weapon: Florida has a 3-business day wait/cool off period before you can take

possession of a firearm. When you have your CCW, there is NO WAIT. All that is required is paperwork and passing the background check.

3. Reciprocity: When you have your Florida DL and FL CCW you are allowed to carry in 36 additional states. Each state's firearms laws are different. The licensed holder traveling in other states are subject to the firearm laws in those states.

13 STATES THAT RECOGNIZE FLORIDA CCW

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Colorado*
- Delaware
- Georgia
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Michigan*
- Maine*
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire*
- New Mexico
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania*
- South Carolina*
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- Wyoming

* Only honor Florida Residents

14 FLORIDA CCW RECIPROCITY

Green: Issuing State

Blue: Permit Honored

Yellow: Residential permits only

Red: Permit not honored

IMPORTANT NOTE:

It is the license holder's responsibility to know and understand the laws in any state you travel.

When in doubt, magazine out!

15 WEAPON IN VEHICLES (WITH OR WITHOUT CCW)

- Florida gives you the right to possess and transport a weapon for self-defense purposes as long as the weapon is securely encased.
- Securely encased is defined as glove box, center console, snap holster, the box the gun came in, a zipped gun bag, or any other container that the lid has to be removed before the firearm can be drawn and shot.
- This is loaded with one in the chamber.

16 STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT (WITHOUT CCW)

- You are not required by law to identify that you have a weapon but is highly recommended.
- Most law enforcement MAY assume that a weapon is present due to Florida gun laws.
- A good rule of thumb would be to state "I have a weapon in my vehicle for my protection and is securely encased in ???, how do you want me to handle it?"
- An important note is that you should NEVER store your weapon and your documents (registration, insurance, etc.) in the same place.

17 STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT (WITH CCW)

- You are still not required by law to identify that you have a weapon but is highly recommended.
- Most law enforcement MAY assume that a weapon is present due to Florida gun laws.
- A good rule of thumb would be to state "I am licensed to carry in the state of Florida, I have a weapon on my side, how do you want me to handle it?"
- An important note is that you should NEVER store your weapon and your documents (permit, registration, insurance, etc.) in the same place.

18 QUESTIONS?**19 PLACES YOU CANNOT CARRY**

- Places of nuisance: house of prostitution or gang activity
- Police, sheriff, or highway patrol station
- Detention facility, prison or jail
- Court room or courthouse
- Polling place
- Meetings of a government body, public school districts, municipalities, or special districts
- Meeting of legislator or legislator committee
- School, college, or professional athletic event
- School administration building
- Establishment that serves alcohol as its main purpose
- Elementary, secondary, middle and high school

- Technical center
- College or university facility
- Airport (past sterile area)
- Place that federal law prohibits

20 HOW CAN YOU CARRY?

- In a bag
- In a purse
- In a murse (man purse)
- In a holster
- In a briefcase
- In a backpack
- In your pocket
- As long as you have immediate control of your firearm

21 PRINTING OR ACCIDENTAL DISPLAY

- Printing in NOT against the law, however, people who see the outline of a firearm do not assume you are the good guy
- Firearm = criminal
- Florida allows incidental/accidental display (i.e. bending over and tying your shoe) or de-escalation
- Florida does NOT have open carry, except when hunting, fishing or camping
- You must make very attempt to conceal your weapon when licensed

22 FORCIBLE FELONIES

- 1 Acceptable situations in which you can use deadly force to stop or prevent death or bodily harm of yourself or others are listed below:
- 2
 - Treason
 - Murder
 - Manslaughter
 - Sexual battery
 - Carjacking
 - Home invasion
 - Robbery
 - Burglary
 - Kidnapping
 - Aggravated stalking
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 - Aggravated battery
 - Aircraft Piracy
 - Unlawful throwing, placing, or discharging of a destructive devise of bomb
 - Any felony which involves the use of threat of physical force or violence against any individual

23 I.D.O.L.

It is important to know when it is okay to use deadly force. You cannot use deadly force to defend property. You cannot be the aggressor. You must be the victim.

- I: In
- D: Defense

- O: Of
- L: Life

24 **CASTLE DOCTRINE**

- Covers the area inside of your home
- The assumption is that an assailant in your home is there to do harm and you have the right to defend yourself
- You have no duty to retreat
- Challenge: assailant close to the exit with his back to you
- Can be sued civilly

25 **STAND YOUR GROUND**

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- Florida law passed in 2005
- Allows those who feel a reasonable threat of death or bodily injury to “meet force with force” rather than retreat.
- You have the right to defend yourself
- Civil liabilities are waived

26 **QUESTIONS?**

27 **CCW SAFE**

- CCW Safe is Attorney group in event of critical defense situation
- Provides:
 - Bond up to \$500,000
 - Expert witnesses
 - Private investigators
 - Attorney representation
 - Covers most states
 - Covers administrative and criminal charges
 - Civil charges and addition of spouse can be added at additional cost
- If you are interested, you can visit www.ccwsafe.com/johnson

28 **FLORIDA LAW BOOK**

- *Florida Firearms Law, Use and Ownership* by Jon H. Gutmacher
- Everything there is to know about self-defense in Florida
- This book is the updated explanation of all the Florida self-defense laws, including the substantial changes made by legislator in 2014 (Stand Your Ground)
- Buy one for \$30

29 **FIREARM IS YOUR LAST OPTION, NOT YOUR FIRST!**

- 1 Stun guns
- 2 An electroshock weapon is an incapacitating weapon. It delivers an electric shock aimed at temporarily disrupting muscle functions and/or inflicting pain without usually causing significant Nonlife threatening injury. Many have LED and used for self-defense, including defense against dogs.
- 3 Pepper Spray
- 4 Also known as capsaicin spray or capsicum spray is a lachrymatory agent (a chemical compound that irritates the eyes to cause a burning sensation, pain, and temporary blindness) used in policing,

riot control, crowd control, and self-defense, including defense against dogs and bears.

30 **NEXT STEPS**

- Make an appointment to complete the firearms competency portion of the class and collect your completion certificate
- Competency can be demonstrated with your weapon or mine
- Best to come on Saturday or Sunday
- Approximate time to complete is 15 minutes
- Proceed with application process

31 **CCW SPECIAL**

- All Virtual CCW students will be offered a Range Special for additional shooting time after the completion of the competency portion of the class.
- This special includes 60 minutes of Range Time for up to 2 people per lane for \$20 with the purchase of Ammo.
- Students can bring their own weapon which we recommend, or one can be rented for \$10 per gun.
- We also offer a discounted training class for \$85 for any additional training.

32 **OTHER SERVICES**

- Try Before You Buy Training
- Basic & Enhanced Pistol Training
- 5 Lane Indoor Gun Range
- Memberships
- Gun Sales & Transfers
- Ammo Sales
- Cleaning Kits & Cleaning Products
- Holsters, Bags, Protection & Other Accessory Sales

33 **QUESTIONS?**

34 **THANK YOU! I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!**

- 1 • If you enjoyed this class, the best compliment you can pay is to share with your friends and family.
 - You can also spread the word by completing a review. The easiest way is to use Google Maps. Search for Firearms Training by John G. Johnson and complete a review telling a little about the class. No account is needed.
 - Our next CCW Class is Thursday, June 25th at 6:00 P.M.
- 2 • Make sure to like our Facebook page to watch for specials and other events.
 - Visit our Website an outline of this presentation and for up-to-date information about trainings any much more.