

Fall 2014 ACNOW Newsletter 10-25-2014
Good Day

* This Newsletter is being sent to all students who were in either my WI-CCL classes or my UT-CFP classes. If you do not wish to receive further Newsletters, please ask to be removed from my email lists.

*Please be aware of this item concerning the Castle Doctrine:

On October 1, 2014, District II Court of Appeals released an opinion recommended for publication that discusses the castle doctrine. Wisconsin v. Chew can be read here:

<http://www.wicourts.gov/ca/opinion/DisplayDocument.pdf?content=pdf&seqNo=122875>.

To summarize, a person (Chew) defended himself in his apartment by shooting two aggressors, hitting each once in the leg. The aggressors fled but Chew followed them out of his apartment and continue to shoot at them while they were in the parking lot. Chew was charged with recklessly endangering safety because of the shots fired while the aggressors were fleeing, not because of the shots fired in the apartment. Chew sought to invoke the Castle Doctrine but was denied. He was found guilty at the trial and the Appellate Court upheld the guilty verdict. In essence, Chew was no longer in imminent danger of death or great bodily harm AND he was not in his "dwelling" as defined by the Castle Doctrine. It would be a good idea for you to read the decision regardless of what you read in the newspaper or heard/saw on radio and TV.

* Passing this along from the WI-DOJ (Specifically Glenn Rehberg, Senior Training Officer, Training and Standards Bureau):

Instructors and licensees have contacted the DOJ regarding questions of law or legal opinions. I (Glenn Rehberg) am happy to help direct people to any publicly available resources, but the DOJ generally cannot provide legal opinions or advice to private persons or entities. The legal authority of the Wisconsin Department of Justice is specifically defined and limited by state statute. Under state law, the DOJ's principal function is to act as legal counsel to the Governor, the two branches of the Legislature, and state agencies. Therefore, except in specific, limited areas which do not apply here, the DOJ cannot provide specific legal advice to private persons. I believe the State Bar of Wisconsin (800-362-9082) has a referral service to private attorneys if you need a legal opinion. A wide variety of legal information, including forms or other materials geared towards non-attorneys, is available on the Internet, from local clerks of court, at public libraries, and at the Wisconsin State Law Library in Madison. Other resources, including all Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Rules, are available through the Wisconsin State Legislature Web Site, <http://www.legis.state.wi.us>. You can also identify and contact your local state representative from that website. You will find links to legal materials by accessing the State Bar of Wisconsin Web Site, <http://www.wisbar.org>, and selecting the Legal Resources tab. Finally, the DOJ CCW FAQ is always a good resource <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/sites/default/files/dles/ccw/ccw-faq.pdf>.

* Consider the following quotes:

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing" (Edmund Burke),

"All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent." (Thomas Jefferson)

By not voting, good people do nothing but remain silent. It is more than discouraging to hear that less than 50% of any given eligible voting population elect politicians to represent their interests. If people

do not exercise their right to vote, it only shows that they care less for other fundamental and constitutional rights that make this Country unique.

Some things to think about. The State Attorney General heads the Dept of Justice (DOJ). A pro-rights, pro-gun AG is necessary to keep the Concealed Carry issue in its proper place. The Governor appoints the rest of the department heads. The Dept of Administration, currently lead by Michael Hubish, was/is responsible for administering the Personal Protection Act to state property and buildings. Currently most state buildings are not posted against firearms or other weapons for visitors or employees. Such buildings include the rest area buildings along our major highways, DNR and DOT (driver license), which most of us see and use on a regular basis. Given the volatile nature of the political atmosphere concerning firearms, it is critically important to vote wisely. It is time we put people in office who will live up to their oath of office - "to support and defend the Constitutions of Wisconsin and the United States of America"

"How a politician stands on the Second Amendment tells you how he or she views you as an individual... as a trustworthy and productive citizen, or as part of an unruly crowd that needs to be lorded, controlled, supervised, and taken care of." (Rep. Suzanna Gratia Hupp (TX))

* Dickey's BBQ Pit on Stewart Ave in Wausau has a very pro-gun/carry owner and manager. He offers a 15% discount to anyone who is carrying a handgun. If you're open carrying, it's obvious. If you're carrying concealed, simply show your WI-CCL. You will need to ask for the discount. He also owns and manages a Dickey's in Eau Claire and the same offer applies. Once and a while a few of us meet at the Wausau Dickey's as a group. If you want to be notified of these meets, let me know.

* Finally, an indoor range in the Wausau area! Zingers & Flingers, Inc will be open for business in early 2015. The shooting range, on the first floor, will consist of twenty shooting bays divided into two independent ranges, each consists of ten 25 yard shooting lanes. Each range is ADA compliant and rated for all rifle and pistol calibers up to .50 BMG. The second floor will house the archery range and classrooms. This shooting and training facility, along with a retail store, is located just 3 miles west of Wausau near the Hwy 29 & County Hwy O interchange (Exit 159).

For up-to-date information about Zingers & Flingers, Inc go here - <http://www.zingersandflingers.com>

* Condition One, LLC, currently located at N.14th Ave, Wausau (behind Fleet Farm) will be moving to 14 Brown Bld, Rothschild. Visit <http://conditiononellc.com/> for more information about the move.

*The Women Only Fundamentals of Shooting Handguns Course held in early October was a great success with high enthusiasm and a lot of positive feedback. The purpose of the course was to help improve confidence and skill with handguns. This course and similar courses will be offered again. Let me know if you are interested.

* A WI-CCL class is offered at MTSC near Wausau on Dec 20th, 2014 and there will be a UT-CFP class offered on January 10th at MTSC. Contact me for details. Feel free to pass along any information to your family and friends concerning the upcoming classes. The schedule is listed on www.acnow.us.

* Keep practicing your shooting, gun-handling, and awareness skills. You never know when you will need them. "It is better to have a gun and not need it, than to need a gun and not have it." Likewise, it is better to have the skills and not need them, than it is to need the skills and not have them.

* I just have to pass this on, it's too good not to. <http://gunwatch.blogspot.com/2014/10/illustrated-guide-to-gun-control.html>

Have great Fall Season and enjoy the upcoming holidays. Take care, stay safe, and please vote as if your rights depended on it.

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