

## Spring 2015 ACNOW Newsletter 04-22-2015

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.

### Castle Doctrine Issue

In Wisconsin, the Castle Doctrine allows a person to protect life, not property, while IN his or her dwelling, business, or vehicle and it needs to be the "castle" that the person owns or has explicit control over.

### Problem areas in Wisconsin

Problem: Negligent discharge - while carrying, handling, holstering, etc

Solution: Keep your finger off the trigger until your target has been acquired and the decision to shoot had been made. Holsters that keeps fingers and other items from moving the trigger is necessary, even if the gun is carried in a pocket or purse. A gun should never be just put in a pocket or purse. The gun should be put in a holster and then the combination should be put into the pocket or purse.

Problem: Negligent discharge - while cleaning.

Solution: Prove the firearm unloaded, then prove it unloaded again. (Remove magazine first, cycle action several times, without pulling the trigger, check chambers visually and physically). Even so, point the muzzle where a discharge will do no harm and do not put any body part in front of the muzzle.

Problem: Using deadly force to protect property.

Solution: Deadly force may only be used to protect human life from death or grave bodily harm. Deadly force cannot be used to protect property.

Problem: Shooting at a fleeing criminal.

Solution: Once the threat of death or grave bodily harm has ended, lawful use of deadly force in unwarranted and illegal.

Problem: Access by an unauthorized person.

Solution: Firearms not for immediate use (on your person, within "lunge distance", etc) should kept unloaded and in locked storage.

A note on "straw purchase": A straw purchase is defined as purchasing a gun for someone else. Do not purchase a gun for someone else. This does not mean that you cannot buy a gun for a gift or buy a gun and eventually sell it someone else. It means that you cannot intentionally use someone's funds to go out and buy a firearm for that person. You need to be the owner of the firearm and question #1 on Form 4473 must be answered truthfully.

If you are involved in any situation with law-enforcement, it is critical to be compliant with the commands of the police, even if you think you have done no wrong. Failure to be compliant may be interpreted as threatening to the lives of police officers. They will always have the upper hand. Above all, do not have a gun in your hand and do not reach for a gun in the presence of a police officer. We all want to live for another day as well as not creating a more stressful or dangerous situation. This does

not mean that you should give up your Fourth and Fifth Amendment Rights.

Something to think about: Being right doesn't always protect you from negative consequences! Think about what you say, where you go, and who you associate with. Lock your doors, be observant, do not assume that you do not need to accept responsibility for your own safety and security. Think about how easy it would be for someone to affect your safety and security and then change YOUR behavior, because you may not be able to change THEIR behavior.

\*Progress continues at the indoor range in the Wausau area! Zingers & Flingers, Inc will be open for business sometime in May. 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).

To sign up for their newsletters and get up-to-date information about Zingers & Flingers, Inc go here - <http://www.zingersandflingers.com>

\*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.

\* Dickeys 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 Dickeys in Eau Claire and the same offer applies. Once and a while a few us meet at the Wausau Dickeys as a group. If you want to be notified of these meets, let me know.

There are well over 250,000 WI-CCLs held by law-abiding citizens in Wisconsin. Chances are good that someone you know also has a license and is carrying concealed. Remember, it's not WHAT you carry, it's THAT you carry. With nice weather just around the bend, make plans to learn, train, and practice.

\* Several WI-CCL classes are offered in May and throughout the summer and a UT-CFP class will be scheduled as needed. 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](http://www.acnow.us).

Take care, stay safe.

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