

Winter 2016 ACNOW Newsletter 02-12-2016

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.

*Reciprocity for concealed carry in other states seems to be in a constant state of turmoil. Last summer MN no longer accepts the UT-CFP, which they had accepted for over ten years. The VA Attorney General has issued a decree that licenses/permits from 25 states, including WI, will no longer be accepted as of Feb. 2, 2016. The date was pushed back to March, 2016 and there are proposals being made to rescind the decree, but the problem hasn't been solved. ME went to constitutional carry, but licenses/permits may still be required for non-residents. Also, there are at least a couple more states that have constitutional carry proposals in their state legislatures. If you travel to other states, be sure to check the current laws of these states. www.handgunlaw.us is a good place to start.

*In Wisconsin, the 48 hr waiting period to buy a handgun has been eliminated. Background checks are still required when purchasing from an FFL Dealer and there may be a delay from several minutes to over a day.

*Also in Wisconsin, Act 149, or the Knife Law, was recently signed.

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2015/related/acts/149>

In a nutshell, switchblades are no longer banned (941.24 is repealed), and carrying a knife concealed has been disjointed from the concealed carry concept. If a person is not a restricted person in the sense that he/she cannot possess a firearm legally, then it is legal to carry any kind of a knife. Act 35 now refers to the carrying of handguns, billy clubs and electric devices. Concealed knives no longer require the WI-CCL. All other weapons restrictions (prohibited places, etc) are still in force. Openly carrying a knife hasn't changed.

*This year is an election year. Offices ranging from local supervisors to the President of the United States are going to be determined by those who vote. And yes, YOUR vote does count. A non-partisan office in Wisconsin, Supreme Court Justice, is also going to be determined. Current Justice Rebecca Bradley is being challenged and she could use your support. I heard her speak last weekend and she was impressive. She takes her oath of office to support and defend the Constitutions of Wisconsin and the United States seriously.

If you are sick and tired of the "No Weapons" signs on government buildings, then find those responsible for creating the ordinance to display those signs, and vote them out of office. Local government officials also take an oath to support and defend the constitution, but evidently they like to ignore the "shall not be infringed" part. Let them know that "Making good people helpless, doesn't make bad people harmless."

* Dickey's BBQ Pit on Stewart Ave in Wausau is very pro-gun/carry and is under new management. A 10% discount is given 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. 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.

*The number of WI-CCLs held by law-abiding citizens of Wisconsin is about 290,000 and there is a currently a surge in the numbers. So, the chances are good that someone you know also has a license

and is carrying concealed. For those of you that are hesitant about carrying in public, practice carrying at home and in the yard, then to familiar places, and eventually you'll not "leave home without it". Remember, it's not WHAT you carry, it's THAT you carry. Wouldn't it be nice if you could predict the future and know exactly WHEN you'll need to protect yourself and those you care about? Since you're not prophet, vigilance is necessary.

*My ACNOW partner in Watertown sent me this story:

Had a woman who works in my dentist office call me last night. Lives outside of Watertown on a small farm. About 3 weeks ago she was on the phone with a co-worker who had called her to say her father had died. At the same time the doorbell rings, it's at night. Under duress of the phone call, she just opened the door. In rushes a guy obviously drugged up, demanding money. She drops the phone, runs upstairs and retrieves her .38 revolver. She comes back down and drives the guy out of the house at gunpoint. Doesn't call the cops because she didn't have her contacts in and didn't feel she could give a good description of the car or license number. Tells her brother who is a county cop up north somewhere who tells her to get a License and carry at all times. Signed up her, her daughter and her two girlfriends for March. She said all the things that people (formally) in denial say, "I never thought this would happen to me", "We live in the country", "I could not believe it was happening as it happened". She believes had this guy caught her out in the barn she would be dead. I told her to always carry at home from now on, don't open the door for anyone she doesn't know.

So, just because it hasn't happened to you yet, that doesn't mean that it won't happen to you in the future. Be prepared!

On a similar note:

From Massad Ayoob (Nationally known defense firearm trainer/instructor and a very wise man.)
Posted: 30 Aug 2015 03:11 AM PDT (In a Blog discussing recent mass shootings)

There are cruel truths we all have to face.

Those include:

- * How we think things should be is not the same as how things are.
- * Crazy and terrible people, unrestrained by society, will do crazy and terrible things.
- * Laws which, by definition, will be obeyed only by the law-abiding will do NOTHING to deter those who, by definition, are law-breakers.
- * When you don't have enough hose-dragging firefighters, bandage-bearing paramedics, or gun-carrying cops to shepherd 320 million people one-to-one 24/7, those people need fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and guns to ward off death until the designated professionals can be summoned in to help.

And yes, dammit, it IS that simple.

*Since I don't know when the next newsletter will be coming out, I'll pass along this information now. For those living in the Marathon County or Wausau area, Marathon Trap & Sportsman's Club (Cty N, west of Rib Mountain) has handgun shooting on Thursday evenings from 4:30 PM to sunset. Weather permitting, shooting starts around the end of April and lasts until the end of September. Learning skills, practicing skills, or just fun shooting - give it a try. If you're interested, I'll send more details upon request.

*Previous newsletters are linked from the www.acnow.us main page. The number of recipients of these newsletters is well over 1200 people, and the number is growing. Obviously, the most recent students would not have seen earlier newsletters so now they will be available to all.

<http://acnow.us/Newsletters.html>

* Several WI-CCL classes are offered this late winter and throughout the spring and 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.

Take care, stay safe.

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