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Questions And Answers

Larry Arnold



- I am a full time resident of South Carolina and am have a ccp in this state. I am also an RVer who spends several months per year in the San Antonio area.

I am interested in getting a Texas CHL primarily because it allows me to carry in many more states than does the SC license.

I have researched the Texas residency requirements but I am having a hard time interpreting the clause that allows non-residences to apply. Can you elaborate? Can I get a license by paying the additional fee for out of state background check. Can I sign up for a handgun class while I am in Texas and do everything required or do I need to do some footwork prior to taking the class?

A resident of any state can get a Texas CHL at no additional expense. You must take the class in Texas, but you may apply for the license over the internet from anywhere. Check our description at <http://www.txchia.org/getchl.htm>. San Antonio instructors are listed at <http://www.txchia.org/inst4c.htm>.

Note that there are a few states like Colorado and Florida that don't accept non-resident licenses.

- Larry,

I seem to recall reading somewhere recently that Iowa has agreed to honor valid CHLs from other states. I've searched our TCHA and other sites and find what we've already known, that Texas recognizes Iowa's concealed carry permits but not the other way around. Do you have more information on this?

We frequently travel to Iowa and have no issue with Oklahoma, Kansas or Missouri. You might not think there is much need to carry in Iowa but my brother-in-law and his family were victims of a random drive-by shooting one night while driving I-35 about Christmas time. Windows were blown out by the shotgun blast but only minor injuries to my brother-in-law - thankfully. The shooters, however, were never found.

Many thanks and see you at the convention.

QUESTION: I live in another state. Will Iowa honor my concealed weapon permit issued in another state?

ANSWER: Iowa will honor any valid carry permit issued by any other state and will grant all privileges to such permit holders as those granted to Iowa residents including the concealed or open carrying of a firearm (excluding those classified by Iowa law as offensive weapons (federal NFA or Class 3)) and the concealed carrying of other non-firearm dangerous weapons such as knives with blades in excess of five inches, switchblade knives, Tasers / stun guns, or any other dangerous weapon. Non-firearm dangerous weapons may be carried openly without a permit. Non-firearm dangerous weapons may also be regulated by local ordinance that is more stringent than Iowa law. You do not have to be a resident of the state from which your permit was issued. However, an Iowa resident may only carry with an Iowa issued permit.

>> Note that the new law this references does not go into effect until January 1, 2011. Remember to follow the Iowa carry rules.

- I'm currently stationed in Korea, my home of record is in the state of Colorado where I also have a CCW permit. I see that your TX has reciprocity with the state of Colorado, my question is if I am stationed in TX for 3 years do I need to do anything different for my CCW permit or will the state reciprocity be sufficient.

As long as your HOR is Colorado you should be able to carry on a CO permit. Of course, it wouldn't hurt to study up on Texas requirements and such.

Thanks for serving. If you do get transferred here, welcome to Texas.

- Are other instructors having a problem with the fingerprint process for new applicants? Many of our students DO NOT apply online, they come straight to class and get the application information from us. When it comes time to do fingerprints if they make an appointment to get them done electronically they are refused because they have not sent their application in to DPS, if they send the application in to DPS without the fingerprint cards they are rejected. How is this process supposed to work for people who do not use the internet, and how long will DPS continue to accept fingerprint cards?

The procedure is to send the application to DPS, then get the e-prints after the application is received. It wouldn't hurt to enclose a note saying you will send prints through 1L.

Last I heard it's e-prints only after March 1.

The only complaints I've heard are from instructors who are a long drive from the nearest 1L location.

- Sir,

We are members of your association and are concealed handgun instructors. Could you please tell us what you know about the Utah concealed handgun license and is it accepted by Texas?

Utah has a four-hour new CHL class that has no shooting requirement. They will certify instructors that live anywhere in the U.S., and allow the class to be taught anywhere in the U.S. (Unlike the Texas class, which must be taught in Texas.) A Texas resident with a Utah license may currently carry in 30 states, including Texas.

Opinions about this are mixed. Some consider a Texan having a Utah license instead of a Texas CHL as cheating. Others would rather have Constitutional Carry, and have no problem with the Utah license. Note that you can do much the same with a Florida license, not just Utah's. Florida has no CHL course, their licenses require a general shooting class.

There are disadvantages for a Texan with a Utah CHL. Four states, so far, will not accept a non-resident Utah CHL as valid. They are Colorado, New Hampshire, Michigan, and Florida. A Texan with a Texas CHL can carry in 32 states.

Also, the Utah license class doesn't teach Texas law pertaining to self-defense and firearms. And if, God forbid, I ever end up in court defending a self-defense shooting I don't want to have to explain to the jury why I have a Utah license instead of a Texas CHL.

Finally, what I'm quoting is CURRENT law. There's a bill in the Legislature that would prohibit carrying in Texas with any out-of-state CHL if your primary residence is Texas. Other state legislatures are also concerned about the practice, and may change their laws as well.

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A Tale of Two Bucks

Bill Titus

It was the end of our late season deer hunt for does and spike bucks only. I had a tag left and some room in the freezer, so I decided to spend some time in the deer blind hoping to finish out the season on a positive note. Of course, since it was a doe season, all I saw were bucks. But there were two young forkhorn bucks that caught my attention that day. Those two bucks were nearly identical in size, age and antlers. They could have been mistaken for the same deer under other circumstances. And under different conditions, they could have been easily mistaken for some of my CHL students.

You see, the first deer acted as though it was regular deer season. He approached from the east, staying mostly hidden in the mesquite thickets. Only a sharp eye, good binoculars and luck let me spot his approach. As I watched him, he frequently stopped to curl his upper lip, smelling for danger in a deer's way. He watched carefully as he moved through the thicket. Like a much older buck, he carefully avoided the feeder, never approaching the corn covered ground below the barrel. He deftly circled the feeder, never coming closer than twenty yards, and moving down-wind of my blind, before leaving the area where he sensed the danger. The predator or hunter who sets their sights on this deer will have their work cut out for them if they successfully harvest this crafty animal.

About forty-five minutes later the second deer approached. Unlike his earlier counterpart, deer number two approached with no apparent sense of danger. He came from the north, across open ground. He crossed the dry riverbed and walked up the established trail passing almost directly beneath the elevated blind. There was no awareness of possible danger as he casually walked the trail between the blind and the oil-field road nearby, no rushing from bush to bush, no attempt at stealth or concealment. Deer number two went directly to the feeder, crawled under the hog panels that keep hungry cattle away from the deer corn. For the next fifteen minutes this deer-with-no future leisurely strolled around the feeder pen, completely unaware of his surroundings. By next season, with a little more bulk and a little larger rack, he will be a prime candidate for opening day buck fever.

There are more people than I can imagine who have much in common with deer number two. These good folks (and I've had many of them in my CHL classes) live out their days oblivious to their surroundings. They are the folks you see digging through their purse for their car keys while carrying a stack of packages through the busy parking lot. They are the well meaning people who fail to scan the area around them in the restaurant, or other public place. They are the average person who is simply not alert to the possible dangers around them. To often, we call them victims.

In each of my CHL classes we address the concept of situational awareness at the very beginning of the class, long before we discuss shooting skills, gun selection and legal issues. Personal safety begins with an awareness of one's surroundings and the formulation of a plan for security. Far more important than the decision to carry a firearm is the decision to use one's brain, to pay attention to the who and what that makes up our immediate setting. Understanding the elements of conflict and how to avoid it (knowing the terrain) is more likely to get us out of harm's way than that Dirty Harry special we've been packing.

If learning to scan your area and pay attention to your surroundings is the first rule of personal safety, learning to trust your instincts is certainly the second rule. It has taken my very intuitive wife the better part of four decades to teach me this lesson. Our brains often process information in ways we don't understand and can't logically process. Does a situation make you feel uneasy? Do you feel like something is wrong, but you can't put your finger on it? That is intuition telling you to watch out. Trust your feelings. If your "gut" is telling you something is not right about the people in the mall parking lot, avoid them. Take a different route. Pay particular attention to the who and what of your circumstance. Move up a color on the awareness scale, from yellow (aware) to orange (heightened awareness). Your brain is processing previous experiences and comparing that to the moment while warning you of suspicious stimuli.

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More Reciprocity

By Larry Arnold

As of January 1, 2011, Iowa implemented a new concealed carry law. According to their DPS website at http://www.dps.state.ia.us/asd/SF2379_FAQ.pdf they will honor a valid CHL from any state. This information hasn't made it to the Texas DPS reciprocity list yet.

Also, the Texas DPS list leaves out Minnesota. According to their DPS FAQ at <http://www.dps.state.mn.us/bca/CJIS/Documents/CarryPermit/States.html> they also accept the Texas CHL.

That brings the number of states where a Texan with a Texas CHL can carry concealed to 33. **Reminder:** When in other states, you have to follow their rules. The TCHA reciprocity list at <http://www.txchia.org/recip.htm> has links to state CHL information wherever I can find it available.

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March 5 & 6, 2011

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- After lunch we will hear from TSRA rep. Alice Tripp,
- We have a use of force clinic from our own instructors, Dean, Larry, Erwine, Gail, Judd, Bill, Kathy, and whoever else I can get to add their input.
- Later we will hear from Austin Davis from KANGAROO CARRY.COM.
- Before we meet at the banquet you are all welcome to join us for a drink at the hospitality room hosted by the folks at CHL Protection Plan. (This is my favorite part)
- The banquet will be a treat because we have Erwine Ballarta as a speaker. Along with all the people he has been a bodyguard for there is a wide variety of teaching skill to give an account of. You can check him out @ [csou-usa.com](https://www.csou-sa.com)
- Sunday morning we have our annual meeting and elections. We will elect three board members and new officers.

This years raffle gun will be a Springfield XD sub-compact in .40 cal.



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From the President.....Rick Mackey

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Time is running out to register for the 14th Annual TCHA Conference in Kerrville, Texas. The annual event will be March 5th and 6th at the Y O Ranch Resort in Kerrville. We have an exciting line up of guest speakers and events this year including a fun shoot. Be sure to invite your fellow gun enthusiasts, friends and family. We will have several surprises this year as we celebrate the 100th birthday of the Model 1911. And we are raffling some great handguns including the Springfield XD .40 Caliber subcompact and two Taurus Judges. Call and register today and print your raffle tickets for the XD off of our website and mail them today.

The political climate remains fragile in this country in light of the recent tragic events in Tucson. Stay diligent and keep contacting your state and national legislators regarding attacks on our 2nd Amendment rights. Do not let up and let the mainstream media know that it was a nut case in Tucson not a "challenged" young student with a gun. Political correctness is pretty much out of hand when it comes to these horrific events and we need to remind the law makers in this country that harsher anti gun laws will restrict the law abiding citizens with virtually no impact on the lunatics, fanatics and criminals out there. So much for my rant. Be aware and stay safe. See you in Kerrville!!

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Lessons from Tucson

By Larry Arnold

There are lots of folks writing about what we can learn to prevent incidents like the shooting in Tucson. But what can we learn from the incident itself?

Obviously, have a gun. Yes, it was a routine day, the sun was shining, the birds were chirping. That's when you most need to carry. Trouble doesn't wait for an invitation, and active shooters don't RSVP. But this lesson has been covered, exhaustively, so let's move on.

The first lesson specifically from Tucson is that we the people are learning how to respond to active shootings. Instead of dropping the ground and praying that the shooter would select someone else, some of the people in the crowd in Arizona tackled him. They thereby prevented further carnage. This is a continuation of the 9/11 lesson in that we no longer follow the philosophy of "if he wants the plane give him the plane, otherwise somebody might get hurt."

For the second lesson let's set up a scenario. You are in the middle of a crowd that has formed around a VIP. You are carrying, of course. You are in Condition Yellow. Just as you notice one of the people within arm's length of you is acting twitchy, he pulls out a gun and aims at the VIP. What do you do?

By the time you draw and fire he will be shooting, most likely hitting the VIP. This isn't television, where a handgun can knock a bad guy over a car. Even after you double tap the shooter, he might still be able to get off several more shots, and maybe shoot you. Particularly in situations like the Tyler shooting where the shooter was wearing a protective vest.

Besides, do you really want to pull out your gun and start shooting in the middle of a crowd? You're firing, he's moving, everybody else is ducking, and maybe somebody is trying to tackle you. That adds up to a pretty good chance of shooting somebody innocent.

In this limited situation it might be quicker and safer to knock the shooter's arm up, then tackle him or go for his gun, while you're yelling for help. If he's using a semi auto, remember that if you interfere even slightly with the slide, you can cause a jam.

Leaving your gun in its holster has an additional advantage. You're less likely to be mistaken for the shooter.

For the third Tucson lesson let's back off a bit. You see the shooter pull his gun, but he's out of your immediate reach. Somebody else tackles him. You arrive just in time to pick up his gun, or take it out of his hand. You're in the middle of an active shooting holding the gun that was fired. Again you need to minimize the possibility of being mistaken for the shooter.

A simple way of accomplishing that is, don't hold the gun like a gun. Instead of the grip, grasp it by the barrel or with your hand over the top of the slide, then hold it up over your head. That way you look less like someone who is about to fire more shots.

Obviously for an armed CHL a physical attack isn't the school solution. In the middle of a crowd, however, it deserves consideration. Just because we carry hammers doesn't make every-



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Pre- and Post-CHL Training Announcing an “Ideas” Clearinghouse

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One of the ideas that came out of our Summer Planning Session was that the basic DPS-specified CHL training course does pretty well, but it doesn't necessarily “meet everybody where they are” or “take them where they need to go,” if you'll pardon my education-speak. Some folks aren't sure they want a CHL, or don't even know how to decide if they want one. Other folks finish the course, get their license, and then are left with an uncomfortable lack of direction. “OK, fine. Now I've got a license. What do I do now?”

Another idea that came to the table had to do with shooting and guns in general, rather than specifically geared toward self-defense carry. What are the means that shooters use to introduce non-gunny folks to shooting, so they'll have an easier transition into gun familiarity? This has both hobby/sport-shooting and political implications, with the idea being that people who have had a pleasant experience, and a little familiarity, with guns will be less likely to fall prey to anti-gun propaganda and hysteria, than someone with ZERO shooting experience.

It turns out that a lot of people are doing things in these directions, but thought they were nearly the only ones. Nobody was cross-talking or sharing ideas – so they were missing ideas that could help the “movement” and in some cases missing teaching opportunities.

One of the ideas introduced was that the TCHA should look into hosting an online forum for exchange of these kinds of ideas. But, until that becomes a reality, I'm going to become the Association's “clearinghouse” for such ideas and information. I can be reached at dbmtx@att.net. So, what has anybody, instructor or not, done in these situations?

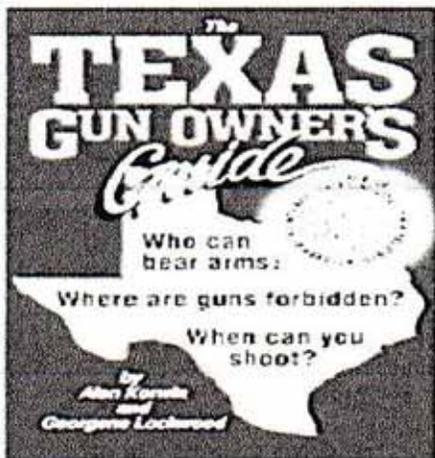
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I have a couple of ideas and experiences myself, but the point of this is not just for me to spout off, but to get member input so we can offer some really helpful “what works, what doesn't” advice to all. Next planning session is scheduled for **August 20-21 2011 in Salado at the “Stagecoach Inn.”**

Dean McCormick



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After the CHL

Steven Vandermolten

The day has finally come; you have paid all your fees, sat in an uncomfortable chair for the long classroom session and demonstrated your ability to hit a stationary target at ranges out to 15 yards. You are now permitted to carry a concealed handgun. For the great majority of permit holders, the process ends here. They have their permit, their gun, some ammunition and the ability to carry. The second amendment of the constitution guarantees the right to bear arms, the Concealed Handgun License (CHL) gives us the privilege to carry on our person but neither gives you the ability to shoot. Quite frankly, owning a handgun no more makes you a shooter than owning a piano makes you a piano player. Both the handgun and the piano share one thing in common; it takes training to learn the skills needed to use them and regular practice to maintain them.

Taking your CHL class should be considered a beginning, not an end. The class provides you with some basic information. It does nothing to give you the skills you will need to use the handgun to protect yourself or your loved ones. You need to go out and get some real training on when and how to use the firearm in situations where you have to deploy it in less than ideal conditions. Real defensive situations seldom involve a stationary target at a known distance. You also need to be able to hit a target quickly while you are moving, because if you are not moving while you are engaging an adversary, you will be a victim. Failing to obtain good training after you get your CHL is in my opinion irresponsible. If you have only completed the minimum requirements to get the permit, haven't gotten additional training and never practice in realistic conditions you are a danger to yourself and others. In addition you are exposing yourself to legal liability.

What kind of skills am I talking about? You should be able to draw your handgun from the concealment you normally wear, from the holster you normally use and engage a target with two good hits in less than 2.5 seconds. You should be able to draw and engage a target while backing. You should be able to engage multiple targets (bad people seldom work alone), you should be able to shoot one handed with either hand and effectively engage a target. You should know what kind of malfunctions can occur when shooting and how to clear them. You should be able to effectively hit a moving target. You should be able to perform all of these tasks without injuring innocent bystanders. Why these skills? You need them because in a real fight, you are likely to need one or all of them.

If my preceding statements are true, and I believe they are, how can you obtain the skills to carry a concealed weapon and effectively use it? There are a lot of good opportunities out there to get good self defense training with a handgun. Thunder Ranch, Gunsite, Front Site, Valhala, Lethal Force Institute and others all offer classes that teach you how to deploy a handgun under realistic conditions.

All of these are great facilities with excellent instructors who are able to build the skills and the confidence to use them. The problem is that these classes are expensive, generally require travel, and have a significant time commitment. All of these institutions are great but most of us have neither the time nor money to attend them.

In most areas you can find local instructors and some of them are very good. But some have seen those who are not the real deal. The stuff they teach you under what they call defensive tactics; could get you killed.

So, if it takes money to go to one of the big schools what can you do while you are saving up for your class? The first thing you can do is do some research. Read books by Jeff Cooper, Clint Smith, Masad Ayoub, Gavin DeBecker, Col. Dave Grossman, and other experts in self defense, the law related to personal defense, and how the body reacts to severe stress. Books like Practical Shooting, On Combat, On Killing, The Concealed Handgun Manual, Effective Defense, In the Gravest Extreme, Principals of Personal Defense, and too many more to name, are great references for preparing to defend your life. While reading never substitutes for actual experience, there is a wealth of information out there that you will need to understand to prepare you for facing a defensive situation.

For getting actual shooting experience, I recommend getting into one of the action pistol games. Both United States Practical Shooting Conference (USPSA) and International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) matches provide a great opportunity to get a lot of experience handling your pistol or revolver safely under stressful conditions. They also provide the opportunity to develop the skills you will need in a defensive situation.

Let me make one thing clear immediately, these matches are games. They are games because score is kept and no one shoots back. Also, in the interest of safety compromise may be made in defensive tactics. The benefits of participating in these matches are that you will learn to handle a firearm safely and get a lot of shooting time.

The primary benefit is that you will learn to handle a gun safely. Now, this may sound kind of strange but most shooters have not been trained to handle a gun safely. Seriously, there is a difference between not accidentally shooting someone and handling a gun safely. I have had a gun pointed at me multiple times by well-meaning people who really didn't realize what they were doing. When challenged to watch their muzzle direction, the response was usually "it's not loaded." Now that may be true but I don't know that. In an action pistol match, there are a lot of guns and they are being carried by people with varying levels of experience. Safety cannot and will not be compromised. If you participate in one of these matches, you will be expected to control your muzzle direction, keep your finger off the trigger, load and unload the gun efficiently and

demonstrate safe gun handling skills at all times. If you don't you will be asked to go home? It is really a great motivator.

The second benefit is that you will get the opportunity to do things with a gun that you will never get to do at your local shooting range. You will get to draw from a holster, engage single and multiple targets from contact distance to 25 yards plus, shoot on the move, shoot moving targets, reload a gun that goes empty when you don't expect it, shoot with your strong hand and your weak hand. You get to do all of this while there is a timer recording how long you are taking. Additional stress is added because you are watched by a group of strangers.

The timer brings up the third benefit. There is no easy way to duplicate the stress that someone faces when they fight for their life. Dave Grossman in his book "On Combat" does a great job of describing the physiological effects that the stress of a life-threatening encounter has on the human body. These effects, coupled with a lack of training or experience can drive someone to inaction when confronted. The best method to inoculate against the effects of stress is to be exposed to it on a regular basis. Competitive shooting creates an incredible amount of stress. When the timer starts, I have seen shooters do some of the strangest things. When the timer stops, if you ask them to describe what they did, they can't. The stress causes them to lose track of everything they did from the moment the timer started. You may not believe this but I can assure you, it is a fact. It is the hardest thing for new shooter to overcome. After a few matches, the ability to handle the stress increases significantly. I have talked to competitive shooters who have been involved in actual gun fights and their universal reply is that the stress they felt came after the shooting had stopped. During the event, they did what they had learned while participating in matches.

Just because you have a CHL does not mean you are prepared to defend your life. It is your responsibility as a CHL holder to make sure you are prepared. The best ways to prepare are to get training, study the subject, keep your skills sharp through regular practice and inoculate yourself to stress. Getting involved in competitive shooting is a great way to build your shooting skills. A significant side benefit is that you will meet some great people. Most important, you will have a lot of fun. Go out and find a club in your area and try it out. You will be welcome and it will make you a better shooter.

Information on action shooting sports can be found at:

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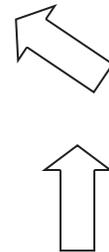


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