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# Questions And Answers

## Larry Arnold



My name is Brian Thomas I am 20 years old and active duty Army stationed at FT.Hood. I am currently finishing up a deployment in Iraq and want to apply for my CHL when I return. I know I can obtain a CHL being that I'm only 20 years old due to me being active duty military but I've been told that I cannot purchase a handgun from an FFL dealer if I am under 21. So my questions is after I get my CHL how is it I go about getting a handgun if I cannot buy one from an FFL dealer and without someone doing a "Straw Purchase". I am a law abiding citizen and want to do the right thing to avoid any trouble and be in compliance with the law.

While you cannot purchase a handgun through a dealer, you can purchase one from a private citizen. While a private citizen cannot purchase a handgun from a dealer to sell it to you, a private citizen can sell you a handgun he or she already owns. If your parents (or another close relative) are handy they can purchase a handgun from a dealer and give (not sell) it to you. Hope this helps. Thanks for serving.

I am a Houston bartender in not the best part of town. If I were to apply and receive a concealed carry license, would I be able to carry in my workplace under the assumption that I wouldn't drink at all while carrying?

Whether or not you can carry in your workplace is regulated by your employer's policy, not CHL rules. I don't know what limits the Alcoholic Beverage Code places on employee carry in bars, that's outside my expertise. Your boss should know. Having a CHL would make it simpler for you to carry to and from work.

I have been searching for unbiased scientific research of the effects of CHL privileges on the general public. I have found statistics on the DPS website and useful information on your website, especially William E. Sturdevant's 2001 study. However, I am sincerely hoping to find at least one report from a scientific study on the issue. I am also doubting that it exists. I figure that if there is such a study, you would know about it.

The studies on that particular subject, that I know about, have been done by one side or the other, so I don't think you'd consider them "unbiased." Actually, I'm not sure there's anything to measure.

CHL laws impact me personally because I carry, both here in Texas and in the other 32 states where it's legal. But my carrying has had minimal effect on others, even considering that I have a lot higher profile than most CHLs; being an instructor.

Presuming you live in Texas and aren't a CHL, how much effect has the program had on you since 1996? Of course there are those relatively few specific individuals who have been impacted, like the 100 or so people at New Life Church, who weren't killed because Jeanne Assam had her concealed handgun.

My local post office just put up a sign on the entrance doors stating carry of a firearm on Federal Property is a violation. Closer examination reveals that the sign is dated 2005. Lived in Euless for 15+ years and never saw this sign prior to last week. Please clarify/explain.

Post offices, as well as most federal buildings, have been off-limits since we first started carrying in 1996. Different post offices posted it in different ways, from notices on bulletin boards to free-standing signs.

Your PO posting a new sign may have had many causes, from an incident with a CHL carrying to some higher office sending down a sign someone decided was cluttering up a warehouse.



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## By Austin Davis www.KangarooCarry.com



It all started out with my lovely wife and I recently buying a place in Marathon Texas, the “Gateway to Big Bend Park”. As we told family and friends about the new addition to our lives, as expected, everyone seems to want to come out for a visit once the house and park is built. The all too unexpected and frequent question posed to me was

“With the move to rural lifestyle, will you stop consistent daily concealed carry as you do here in Houston?”.

That question puzzled me because what does where one live have to do with their decision to take full responsibility for them and their family’s safety? Crime happens when motive meets opportunity. The criminals get to pick all the good parts of a crime, they get to pick the target, place and time---all we get to control is the amount of opportunity. While I do now actually live in a “sporty area” of Houston and West Texas might not be as high risk----there is still risk. The core of what these folks were expressing (with unilateral daily disarmament) is that there is some “magical place” where predators don’t prey. I have seen it all too often in my 25 plus years of being a Cop, Crime Speaker and Law Enforcement consultant ([www.DavisSeminars.com](http://www.DavisSeminars.com)) I call it the “Disneyland Mentality” and it is just a geographical form of the “It will never happen to me” Syndrome. And as long as anyone believes “it will never happen to me” they’ll never be motivated to make the changes to keep it from happening to them.

### **My Favorite Disney Land Q & A:**

“Well there is no crime in the country”--- Oh there is crime in the country, but there are just no witnesses!!!

“Your new place is in such a safe area”--- Like Human Predators have some big map they work off of like “Oh we can’t do crime there, that’s that safe area.”

“Nothing to be afraid of out here so why carry?”---Nothing to be afraid of out here because I’m carrying a gun.

## **Things to Think About in Rural Settings:**

### **Law enforcement can be a LONG way away.**

If you think a big City Police Department response time is slow when seconds count. Imagine the huge size of patrol area in West Texas and you are on your own. Besides what does Law Enforcement have to do with your protection? Law Enforcement is not designed to protect you but to enforce laws, so in reality where ever you live or operate L.E. is should just be considered back up to your whole personal first responder actions.

On my rural homestead cell phone coverage is spotty at best and land line coverage can be knocked out by a whole bunch of environmental and human factors. In some areas short of GPS coordinates describing where you are to get help even if you can get a dispatcher can be tough “ I am 40 paces from a big rock and 20 paces east of the mesquite bush”. Bottom line: plan to take care of yourself and if Law Enforcement is needed it will be to file the report well after the fact in most if not all cases. Since the first rule of a gun fight is “ bring a gun” that means consistent concealed carry because we don’t know when motive will meet opportunity at the cross roads of violence.

## **Your home or camp is a target especially out here**

Our Home or camp might be perceived by local bad actors as the closest thing to a shopping mall with a 100% off sale. While you might not think it your new house with all new appliances or camp as overly affluent some criminals just might view it as a handy way to upgrade their lifestyle or just the re supply they need to haul their illegal cargo the rest of the journey out of the desert. With so little traffic on the roads and low population density ( Kennedy county TX. for example in 2010 census had only 416 people) witnesses are a low concern to the bad folks. In West Texas transient people from South of the boarder can and do come walking through the property without warning. Many will tell you those folks are just here looking for a better life and are harmless. Nice theory and hopefully those same kind hearted souls are right about the drug mules and human traffickers mixed in with the regular nice traffic. I am not willing to risk me and mine to that happy thought process mixed with luck.

Again a constantly carried concealed handgun might make the difference between a scary story and a life altering event. Without you carrying concealed you might be in for one scary foot race to beat the bad actors to your firearm.

### **Trip into Town**

Again watch out for that belief there is not crime in small towns. There might be less in number than in the big city but it just takes one or two seriously evil types to make life difficult. When it town sometimes you might be the focus of a target because you are the new person and perceived as easy mark. Never forget there are dangerous areas in safe places and safe places in dangerous areas everywhere in the world and no matter where you are it is your responsibility to know the differences. A late night parking spot around the corner from that friendly bar you parked in day light when you come out later in the evening might be the place where locals do their drugs and or drug deals. Small towns can be wonderful anywhere but Scum Bags mess up places everywhere. Heads up and condition yellow.

### **Big Bend National Park**

While recently talking to a Texas State Game Warden who lives in the area I told him about my desire to do some back country travel in the park as well as solo kayak along the Rio Grande. His first statement was “ better be seriously armed and super alert ” While due to enforcement efforts and geography there are less Smugglers and Drug runners through the park, less does not mean none. He also stated that as a camper I would be a target for anyone traveling light and looking for a quick lifestyle upgrade. Robbing me would almost certainly mean high risk of killing me to keep quiet. I asked if he camps there with his family and he said of course since it is a truly special place but it is a place with man made and natural risk we need to be aware. Bears, Mountain lions and human traffic can easily create a serious situation and help is not going to be anywhere near so be prepared to take care of yourself. Since your Texas CHL will cover you in the park why not carry? Too much trouble, too little risk of danger to bother with concealed carry are just versions of it will never happen to me. You might be right but why bet on it.

As my grandmother used to say: “ Hope for the best, plan for the worse and everything usually works our fine” So when you come to visit me in West Texas or head out to see the park hope you and I both are well armed and comfortably comforted by our concealed carry. I am sorry to be the version of the West Texas tale that says there are dangers in the area. Problem is experience as a teacher can be tough because it gives the test first and the lesson second.

## Dr. Johnny Lovejoy

Dr. Lovejoy holds a PsyD in Clinical Psychology and a PhD in Business Administration. He is the President and CEO of Lovejoy and Associates, a Professional Performance Consultancy Firm specializing in Business and Government Enrichment Consulting, Executive Performance, Information Technology, and Income Tax Services. Offering four fully functional Divisions that work together as one; Since 1985, Lovejoy & Associates has served its clientele well with principal operations in San Antonio, Texas, USA and London & Manchester, England UK.

Lovejoy and Associates' Business and Government Enrichment Consulting division has performed many opportunity analyses on law enforcement agencies throughout the United States, Texas, and other countries from 1985 to the present.

Currently, he serves as:

Commissioner, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards & Education (TCLEOSE),  
Chairman of the Board for Community First Health Services Corporation,  
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a member of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of Independent Business' (NFIB) Texas Leadership Council, and  
a member of the Bexar County D.A.R.E. Board of Directors.

Dr. Lovejoy is very involved in various other professional, community, statewide, national, and international activities. Previously he also served as a Member of Texas Governor Rick Perry's Business Competitiveness Council. He is a dynamic public speaker, speaking on a wide range of subject matters from motivational, business, government – to simple every-day-life events.

Dr. Lovejoy and his wife, Mary, have three children, two daughters, and a son



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## Justice David Medina



Justice Medina, a former Harris County state district judge, succeeded Wallace Jefferson in Place 4 after Jefferson's appointment to be chief justice. Gov. Rick Perry appointed Justice Medina, who was the governor's general counsel since January 2004.

Before that, he was associate general counsel for Cooper Industries Inc. in Houston and served on the Harris County bench in 1996-2000 after appointment in May 1996 by then-Gov. George W. Bush. He was elected in November 1996 and again in November 1998.

Justice Medina was born on Galveston Island, attended public schools in Hitchcock and graduated with a bachelor science degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1980 (now Texas State University-San Marcos). In college he competed on the university's karate and baseball teams and was on the Dean's List. In 1989 he earned his law degree from South Texas College of Law. He was on the Dean's List and a member of the American Bar Association Regional Moot Court National Championship Team.

He joined Cooper Industries in 1987 and was promoted to litigation counsel upon his graduation from law school. Governor Bush appointed him to the 157th State District Court. The Houston Bar Association voted him as one of the top jurists in Harris County.

He rejoined Cooper in 2000 as associate general counsel for litigation, responsible for supervising Cooper's litigation and product-safety matters throughout the world.

Justice Medina is a former Board Member of Habitat for Humanity and Houston Metro. He currently serves on the Board for the Spring Klein Baseball Association. He is also the manager of his son's Select baseball team and has served as an adjunct professor for South Texas College of Law, where he taught advanced civil trial litigation. His term ends December 31, 2012.

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# Michael J. Arnold

## Winning and Reality



### Teach Winning

“Winning” is what matters. “How you played the game” is nothing more than a tired cliché that winds up on your tombstone if you lose. CHL Students should know that carrying a gun requires a major lifestyle change. The change should be based on cold, hard facts, and not false praise. What can a CHL instructor do in only 10 hours? Emphasize winning. Give a lot of thought to the words you use. Teach students that the object is to “win,” not just “survive.” Nothing short of winning is acceptable. Students should be taught that being adequate is not worth striving for. Rather, they should be slammed with the reality that there are no ‘second place winners’ in a gunfight. Finishing in second place means you lose. Encourage winning attitudes. For instance: I doubt that there is even one CHL instructor who, with reference to the B-27 Target, has not been asked, “How is the target scored?” and “What score do I need to pass?” For many years, I answered the scoring question by going through the B-27 point value, i.e. ‘5 points inside the 8 ring’, ‘4 in the 7 ring’, etc... Then, one day, I responded to the query with my own questions:

- What difference does it make how the target is scored?
- Are you going to try to achieve the minimum score?
- If you want the maximum score, isn't it obvious that you will get more points by hitting the middle?
- Why would you want to shoot for less than the maximum? “SHOOT THE DAMNED MIDDLE.” (That’s the way you win.)

### Teach Reality

We have become a society obsessed with heaping praise on everyone to raise their self esteem. We try to create situations in which the woefully ill-prepared can feel like winners. We have blurred the line between being a winner and just feeling like one.

Make sure students know that shooter “classifications” only apply in games, and don’t exist in the mall parking lot. Teach the reality that everybody on the street shoots in the same classification, regardless of skill level. If you can’t avoid the fight, make sure you have the skill level and equipment necessary to win against what might be a very well trained adversary, who doesn’t give a damn about the rules you were taught to play by.

Teaching reality includes making students aware of the fact that the pretty, pink S&W J-Frame that their boyfriend bought them is going to start making a horrible “clicking” sound after they pull the trigger only 5 times. Maybe that’s why his handgun holds 18 rounds.

Reality also includes the inescapable fact of life that a well placed hit with a 9mm bullet is infinitely more effective than 7 or 8 misses with a 45 ACP. Be honest with students. Don’t tell them they are good, if they’re not.

When you know the odds are against them even being able to get a gun ‘on target’, don’t give them false assurance that they will probably rise to the occasion in a gunfight. Remind them that in a stress situation they will be able to rely only on what they have practiced. Help them develop a plan to train and practice, so they can develop the skills necessary to be winners. On the subject of reality, I recently ended an initial CHL class with the following parting thought:

***Soon after submitting your application to the Texas DPS, you should receive a license to carry a concealed handgun, the world’s least lethal firearm. If you find yourself in a situation with no defensive options left, other than to use the handgun, your ability to combine the ineffectiveness of the weapon, with grossly inadequate training, and a total disregard for the need to practice, will probably be enough to ensure that I won’t be seeing you in a renewal class. - - Go with God. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE***

## Message from the President Rick Mackey



Communication is an important factor in the growth of any organization. This past year the TCHA has focused on upgrading our communication to our members. Excellent updates have been added to our website [txchia.org](http://txchia.org) and our webmaster and Board member Larry Arnold regularly posts pertinent information regarding legislative issues and gun related stories in Texas and across the nation. Our newsletter continues to produce informative articles and stories from our membership. If any member has an article they would like published, please send to our newsletter editor and Executive Vice President George Pena. And members can receive the quarterly newsletter via email or regular mail, the choice is yours.

This year we have introduced the "TCHA Weekly Shot", a weekly email newsletter with current news both statewide and nationally. This weekly email is also a revenue generator for the Association and an excellent recruiting tool for new members. If you are not getting this email, please send us your current email address. And share with your friends and contacts and encourage them to join and get involved with the TCHA.

And last but certainly not the least, it is not too late to register and plan to attend our 15th Annual Conference and Members Meeting in Kerrville on March 2, 3 and 4. We have a great line up of informative speakers and seminars, the annual fun shoot, a laser shooting facility at the hotel, several guns to raffle at the banquet and many other surprises. The 2012 Conference will be the biggest and best conference to date. I look forward to meeting new members and seeing old friends in Kerrville. Be Safe!!

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## George “Bulldog” Pena

This year we have a lot of treats in store for participants of the 15th Annual TCHA Conference. First we have a firearms simulator which will be open throughout the conference during breaks and before and after seminar sessions. A donation box will be placed near the simulator with donations going to the Wounded Warriors Project.

On Friday afternoon, March 2, Erwin Ballarta will host a Weapon Retention/Self Defense course. **I wouldn’t want to miss this.**

After a fine cigar at the hospitality room we move to the hall to hear Austin Davis give his expertise on low-light fighting for concealed carry. **Don’t want to miss this one either.**

( I’m sure Dean McCormick will unveil some sort of Brew to make you ponder why there are no left-handed frogs).

Saturday morning, March 3 is the fun shoot at the range. (Info below). Then lunch and a few guest speakers and a clinic on Storage and Handling in the afternoon.

The evening banquet is always good and this year we have two speakers.

Sunday, March 4 is the annual member meeting and election. So far we have four candidates running for three openings on the board: Chris Bird, Austin Davis, Bill Davison, and **ME.**

### FUN SHOOT

On Saturday morning @ around 9:15, Mike Arnold and Judd Earley will conduct a range safety meeting on site.

**Participants of Fun Shoot must attend the meeting in order to shoot.**

There will be three games that are scored and then one game that is just for fun. Rules will be posted at the event. Each shooter will be provided one score card listing the three events and they will take this score card to each event. The score received at each event will be recorded onto the score card by the event staff person. The score cards will then be collected by one person (TBD), scored by the collective staff of the event, and the results passed to the Exec. V.P. for the awards.

Game 1-50 yard shoot using 10 rounds with one point for each hit.

Game 2- Card shoot using 15 rounds and counting the card number hit as the total score. This will be timed and will have turning targets to provide for better target acquisition.

Game 3- Hostage defender shoot using 10 rounds counting one point for a good hit and minus one point for a bad hit.

Game 4- Non-scored event that is a 2x4 split with 15 rounds.

This totals 50 rounds.



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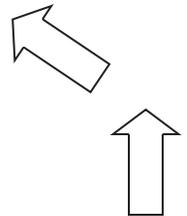
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