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Questions And Answers

Larry Arnold



Q: Larry, I am licensed to carry concealed from the State of Iowa.

R: I am working at a refinery in Port Arthur...does this change

S: things at all?

A: Your employment may make a difference. One of the exceptions states:

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If the refinery where you work meets this description your Iowa license doesn't apply. Even with a Texas CHL, your employer would have to provide the outside parking.

Q: My name is Erick Madrid, I am about to submit my application for my Texas Concealed Handgun License and I needed help regarding my finger print form. I have it completed and on the instructions it is asking me for my citizenship. I am originally from Mexico, I am here legally with my permanent residence card. In the column asking for citizenship would put MX for my country of citizenship or would I leave it blank ?

A: You should enter Mexico as your country of citizenship. You say you are filling out your fingerprint card. Please be aware DPS no longer accepts ink fingerprints, but requires you to submit prints through L-1 Identity Solutions at <http://www.ibtfingerprint.com/>.

Q: Hi I recently moved to Texas from Kansas, and just a few weeks before I decided to move down here I renewed my Kansas conceal carry for another four years.

Now that I live in Texas am I required to get a Texas conceal carry, or may I continue to use the Kansas conceal carry?

A: Kansas and Texas have reciprocity. Therefore you can carry in Texas on a Kansas CHL.

However, a Kansas non-resident license won't allow you to carry in all of the 33 states a Texas resident license will. Your former home state of Kansas, for instance, only recognizes resident licenses. I'm not sure you can carry there with a Kansas non-resident license. There are several other states where you won't be able to carry. See our reciprocity list at <http://www.txchia.org/ recip.htm>.

I would suggest you at least take the Texas CHL class, which will teach you about the Texas laws you have to follow here. Also, if you get into an incident, as a Texas resident you'll be better off in front of a Texas jury with a Texas CHL. Finally, if you decide to purchase a firearm from a Texas FFL a Texas CHL keeps you from having to wait for the background check phone call and the possibility of being delayed. It's your decision whether the advantages of a Texas CHL outweigh the cost. Regardless of your decision I'd like to invite you to join TCHA. See our membership page at <http://www.txchia.org/ membrshp.htm>.

Michael J. Arnold



How About Fixing Our Own Problems?

Back in March of this year, HB 356, to deal with the problem of folks getting around the Texas CHL by obtaining a non-resident Utah license, and then taking advantage of our reciprocity agreement with Utah, was introduced by State Representative Lon Burnam (D-Fort Worth).

At the time I and many others felt that HB 356 was a good way to prevent 'gaming' of the Texas CHL licensing laws, by Texas residents who were doing an end-around Texas law, through Utah.

However, the subject line of Alice Tripp's Urgent Action Legislative Alert, dated 3/21/11, read "**Stop HB 356 in Committee~~ Bad Bill!**"

In my most humble opinion, calling HB 356 a "**Bad Bill!**" stemmed more from the fact that Rep. Burnam was, is, and might always be 'F' rated by the TSRA. It was less because of the merits of the Bill.

If you'll remember, Utah came to our rescue and our HB 356 died as a moot point of legislative effort.

Game Over? NO, NOT REALLY.

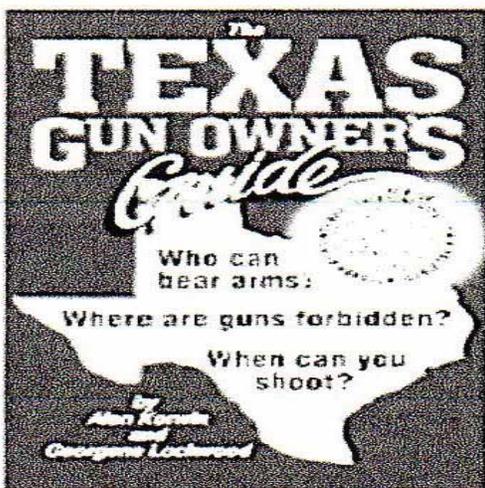
Now there is the non-resident Virginia license that's taking over where Utah left off, before their law change.

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The TSRA has been surprisingly silent on the Virginia non-resident license. Does anybody with TSRA believe the issue warrants any consideration by our legislators? I've made two attempts to contact Ms. Tripp on the subject. Both have gone unanswered.

Had HB 356 passed, the non-resident Virginia license would not now be an issue.

Maybe somebody could dredge up an old copy of HB 356, and resubmit it in the next legislative session. Of course, we would need to have it proposed by a Representative who is not 'F' rated, lest it be branded a **Bad Bill**.



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Voting is Vital – Gun Rights Policy Conference 2011

Chris Bird

Probably the most important thing you can do in 2012 is vote.

This was one of the key messages to come out of the 2011 Gun Rights Policy Conference held in Chicago at the end of September.

Sandra Froman, president of the National Rifle Association from 2005 to 2007 and a lawyer, spoke about the federal courts and their effects on our liberties.

“I’m here to remind you that elections matter,” she told the audience of several hundred at the conference.

Federal judges are appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. They are appointed for life and therefore are not accountable to the people, Froman said. While President George W. Bush may have been unpopular, she would vote for him again. He appointed Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito who along with Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and Anthony Kennedy voted in favor of gun rights in the District of Columbia versus Heller and McDonald versus Chicago cases.

On the other hand President Barack Obama has consistently voted for gun control measures when he was in the Senate. As president, he has appointed two anti-gun justices, Sonia Sotomeyer who voted against McDonald and Elena Kagan who almost certainly would have voted against McDonald had she been on the court at the time. If Obama gets to appoint another justice, gun rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment will be in serious danger as both Heller and McDonald were decided by one vote in the Supreme Court.

“The Second Amendment is a doomsday provision,” which is vital for when everything else fails, Froman said.

She suggested praying for the good health of Roberts, Alito, Scalia, Thomas and Kennedy. If Obama gets to replace one of those judges, we would face a court where the majority is hostile to gun rights. They would be unlikely to overrule Heller and McDonald outright but would probably restrict the Second Amendment to the point where it is meaningless, Froman said.

But it is not just the composition of the Supreme Court that is important, she warned. There are 180 full-time federal appeal court judges and 20 part-timers. Given that 99 percent of appealed cases never get to the Supreme Court, they are decided by the judges appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate. It is those judges who have more effect on our liberties than the politicians who appointed them, Froman said.

So in 2012 get out and vote.

The Gun Rights Policy Conference is held each year in a different city and is organized by the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA). This year it was held in the notoriously anti-gun city of Chicago to commemorate the Supreme Court victory of Otis McDonald and several other petitioners against the City of Chicago. It was well attended by about 500 gun-rights activists.

Alan Gottlieb, chairman of CCRKBA and founder of SAF, in his introductory remarks agreed with Froman that judges are key to the battle for gun rights. “We have more than a dozen cases before the courts,” he said.

He mentioned that they are in several different states including Illinois, California, New York and New Jersey.

John Snyder, dubbed “dean of gun lobbyists” in Washington D.C. and public affairs director of CCRKBA, spoke in favor of a bill filed in the House of Representatives that would permit national reciprocity for concealed carry license holders under federal law. He said it has 240 co-sponsors and hoped that a similar bill would be introduced in the Senate. However, even if national reciprocity passed both houses of Congress, Obama would likely veto it. Snyder said it would stand a better chance if it was attached to an appropriations bill that Obama was not likely to veto.

Snyder dismissed concerns that allowing the federal government to become involved in concealed carry would lead to federal restrictions on what has been up to now a state matter. The bill would only allow people with CCW licenses to carry from state to state in the same way drivers’ licenses allow people to drive in other states, he said. If the federal government wants to impose restrictions on concealed carry they don’t need a reciprocity bill to do it, Snyder said.

“I can understand why people would be concerned about that but I don’t think it’s a legitimate concern,” he said.

There were two panels on state affairs with 10 spokesmen from different states. Richard Pearson, executive director of the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), said it is difficult for gun activists to make any headway with concealed carry in the state legislature.

“The City of Chicago has a strangle hold on the state,” he said. So ISRA has gone to the courts to fight for Illinois residents’ gun rights. Currently the association is fighting two law suits on concealed carry. Illinois is the only state that has no provision for concealed carry by civilians.

The news was better from Wisconsin, the second last state to have no provision for concealed carry. The state now has a new law that goes into effect Nov. 1, 2011. Jeff Nass, president of Wi-FORCE, the Wisconsin NRA affiliate, described the new law as: “A very, very good concealed carry law.”

Phil Journey, a district court judge who as a state senator had a lot to do with getting the Kansas concealed carry law passed, has a warning for the audience.

“Ladies and gentlemen, the demographics are against us.”

He asked us to look around and note the amount of grey hair in the room. There was plenty. Journey urged us to get the next generation involved in shooting and firearms issues.

“We have to get kids involved.” He encouraged us to return to our state organizations and start youth programs.

Alan Gottlieb and his wife Julianne Versnel are active in a relatively new grassroots organization – the International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights (IAPCAR). Gottlieb was speaking on a panel about the United Nations and its international gun control agenda. The object of the association is to spread gun rights around the world. It has a couple of dozen member organizations in such countries as Argentina, Canada, Greece, Italy and Germany, Gottlieb said. It was organized to counter the threat to gun rights.

“A lot of our threat is coming internationally – the European Union, the United Nations as well as individual countries,” he said. “We’re working very hard to open up and move more freedom around the globe. And freedom is a very powerful tool.” Self Defense should be a basic human right, he added.

Two speakers addressed Operation Fast & Furious, the scandal primarily involving the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) but also the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Dave Workman, senior editor of *Gun Week* and co-author of several books with Alan Gottlieb, has been investigating and writing about the scandal ever since news of it broke.

“The interesting thing about this is when you kick over a rock you find another rock to kick over,” he said.

About 2,000 firearms had been sold to unqualified buyers and allowed to fall into criminal hands on both side of the Mexican border. Many of them had turned up at crime scenes. Workman said the project was designed to show that U.S. firearms were ending up south of the border.

“The people who dreamed this up were not very bright.”

Workman said he was not as concerned about the guns as he was about the bodies that were found with them. At least one Border Patrol agent has been killed with these weapons.

While he blamed senior ATF officials for executing this ill-advised project, he said there were some very brave ATF agents who tried to stop it.

“Those people should be running the ATF and the people who are running ATF should be making license plates in Joliet,” he said.

Workman praised Senator Chuck Grassley, R – IA, and Representative Darrell Issa, R – CA, for continuing to investigate the scandal. He said that he would not let the story die.

David Codrea, a writer for various gun publications, has also been following the Fast and Furious story. He has been in touch with Grassley’s and Issa’s committees.

“This is not a partisan issue, it’s a basic issue of law,” he said.

Codrea said the scandal has been connected to the DEA and to the FBI NICS check. He said knowledge of Fast & Furious has been tied to the National Security Council of which the president is a member.

The only news organization that is regularly covering the project is Fox News, the other establishment media journalists don’t want anything to do with it, he said.

Medical doctors Timothy Wheeler and John Wipfler, authors of *Keeping Your Family Safe: The Responsibilities of Firearm Ownership*, spoke about the tendency of anti-gun physicians to record information about guns in the home.

Wheeler said Florida recently passed a law preventing physicians from asking patients about guns in the home unless the information relates to the treatment of the patient. “This is the first law to reign in doctors abusing their patients’ trust by asking them about guns in the home,” he said.

The law has been challenged in the courts by doctors groups claiming that the law infringes on the free speech rights of physicians and is therefore unconstitutional. A federal judge, who has exhibited a bias against the Second Amendment, has put the law on hold, Wheeler said.

Wipfler said that doctors don't like being restricted on what they can discuss with their patients but recording gun information in patients' files crosses a line that should not be crossed. He suggested doctors should just assume that patients have guns and give them safety information without asking if they have guns.

Doug Ritter, founder of Knife Rights, America's Grassroots Knife Owners Organization, gave an impassioned presentation about knife laws.

"Knife restrictions are nothing less than a backdoor attack on guns," he said.

The district attorney in New York City has been prosecuting knife cases. A man working on a house was arrested because he had a folding knife in his tool bucket, Ritter said.

"This isn't just about knives, it's about the Second Amendment," he said.

If we don't fight this sort of abuse, we will end up like England and Europe where no one carries a knife, he added.

"Knives are tools used by Americans every day. Leave our knives alone."

Ritter urged us to "spread the word about knife rights."



In Chicago politics, there are only three rules and one *Prime Directive* to remember. You don't even need an attorney to understand them -- and if you do need an attorney, well, you know too much...so look out.
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RULE #3...If you know what everybody knows in Chicago -- well, you still don't know nothing.

Colleen Lawson: A Victim No More

By
Chris Bird



I have always thought that some plaintiffs get shortchanged in landmark, culture-changing legal cases. Everyone remembers Heller, as in District of Columbia versus Heller, but no one remembers Palmer, St. Lawrence, Ambeau or Lyon, the other plaintiffs in the case.

Similarly, the latest landmark Second Amendment case is known as McDonald versus Chicago or the McDonald case. Don't get me wrong, Otis McDonald is a fine man and worthy of all the fame that has been heaped upon him. I had the chance to meet him at the Gun Rights Policy Conference in Chicago at the end of September. For a gun-rights case, he is a perfect plaintiff. He is a retired maintenance engineer in his mid-70s, a grandfather, an Army veteran, a Democrat, and he is black. His Morgan Park neighborhood has deteriorated since he bought his home in the 1970s. It has been overrun by drug dealers and gang members. His home has been broken into several times and he has received death threats. He has a couple of shotguns but wants a handgun for protection.

However, few people not connected with the case remember who the other plaintiffs were. One of them was Colleen Lawson. She is a hypnotherapist in her early 50s. She and her husband David, also a plaintiff, have raised three children in a gang-ridden neighborhood of Chicago where shootings are frequent. She has a few other kids who hang out at her house "because they feel safe there."

Colleen was one of the speakers at the Gun Rights Policy Conference (GPRC) in September. Recently, she wrote an open letter to Chicago legislators and posted it on her Facebook page. It was reprinted by the Illinois State Rifle Association and she made reference to it in her address to GPRC.

In the letter she asks legislators to help her decide which of her children she should save. "I know you politicians told us 'if it saves one life, then keeping guns away from law-abiding citizens is the right thing to do!' but I'm having a little trouble figuring out which life is the one to be saved. I've had most of these kids for 20 years or more, and I'm rather fond of them all."

Colleen said that the night before she wrote the letter, one of her kids "found himself on the goodbye end of a robber's gun." It was the third time he had faced robbers in Chicago. All her other kids have been robbed at gunpoint, she said. On one occasion, three of the kids went out together for safety and were confronted by three gun-toting robbers. This happened only a block from her state representative's office. Another time she faced three burglars in her own home at one time.

"They were breaking into my home so I kept coming and luckily they ran off," she said.

She said that her state representative has told her that she and her husband are the only people in his district of 650,000 who want the right to carry handguns for self defense. Everybody else is against guns.

"That's exactly what he said. It doesn't matter about the people I know who have called and said they were for it," Colleen said.

She has often challenged politicians on their facts but never gets convincing answers. However, she predicted that Illinois would have concealed carry within three years.

She ended her address to the GPRC by singing a song she made up and calls: "I Will Be a Victim No More."

Anyone who has known me for more than about 5 minutes knows that I take the Texas CHL program very seriously. Most of you also know how I feel about a very small number of CHL Instructors, who believe they are above the law, and who have gained reputations for teaching 'short classes'.

Instructors who make a practice of conducting non-compliant, 'short classes' would have their students believe they are doing them a big favor by not making them stay in class for at least a full 10 hours.

In fact, the only one who benefits from a 'short class' is the instructor who places a higher value on going home to drink a few beers than he does on teaching his students how to stay on the right side of the law when they are carrying a handgun.

And, if that weren't bad enough, the instructor gets the student to falsify a State document by signing the Certificate of Training Form CHL-100.

What's the answer? I believe the following **Q&A** outlines a step in the right direction:

Q. Is there a minimum length for an initial CHL Class?

A. Yes, Texas Government Code Sec. 411.188 requires for the handgun proficiency course be "... at least 10 hours ..."

Q. What could happen to a student, who takes a 'short class' (one under 10 hours) from one of a very few less than scrupulous CHL Instructors?

A. In response to a similar question put to the Texas Department of Public Safety, the following answer was given by the Department:

"The department will start an investigation with first the suspension of their license. There ... could be criminal charges imposed based on the finding of the investigation."

Q. In a case where a CHL Instructor teaches a 'short class', how could criminal charges be imposed on the student?

A. The Certificate of Training Form CHL-100 must be signed by the instructor(s), attesting to the fact that a class meets all the statutory and regulatory requirements under Chapter 411, Government Code and Title 37, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 6.

The Form-CHL100 must also be signed by the student. If the student has knowledge that the course was non-compliant, he or she could be charged with falsifying a government document, a felony offense.

Q. Is there a remedy?

A. Yes,
. 1. If you or someone you know was taught a class that was not in compliance with the law, do not sign the Certificate of Training Form CHL-100.
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Q. What about the money paid for the 'short class'? Is it lost?

A. Not necessarily:
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(Printed Name)

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Encl: Form CHL-100 (student's signature redacted)

From Staying Alive in San Antonio

One of our members is on a crusade. The preceding article is not necessarily the opinion of our Association as we do not consider ourselves a policing group; however, we do, as noted in the objectives of the Association, ...promote high standards of instruction and training... Mike Arnold is an instructor, a member and a friend of the Association who is personally taking on the short class problems. Please refer all questions and responses regarding this article to him and his school. Thank you.

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Enclosed are my dues for membership in the Association. If you are a Texas CHL Instructor please submit a copy of your Texas CHL Instructor Certificate with this application.

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George “Bulldog” Pena

As most of you know I drive a truck for a living. And my travels take me all around Texas so I don't really have to worry about reciprocity issues. Now that I am in my sixties I have other issues. I can't seem to go too long between “rest stops”. I've never had a problem with that until one day last year I was at a truck stop and after visiting their facilities I returned to my truck and noticed I had left my gun in the restroom. I always make a quick check to feel for my wallet and handgun and one of them was missing. I remember putting it on the backrest of the toilet which I always do. I had a horrible feeling in my gut just then. I “briskly” strolled back into the store and went straight to the rest room where I found the door of the stall I was in closed. Many thoughts ran through my mind just then as I thought I might not get it back from whoever was in there. A voice from the past came roaring in my ear which said, “when in doubt, attack”. I reared back and kicked the door open. There was a guy sitting there and the look of surprise and fear on his face was priceless. His eyes got bigger as I walked closer to him, reached behind him and got my gun and walked out. He never noticed the gun was there. And I'll bet he's telling a good story about that incident whenever he has a chance. That episode taught me a good lesson. Maybe my kids are right, I'm just not as sharp as I used to be. Now I use a lanyard on my guns and I will never forget my gun anywhere again. It took a little getting used to but it's worth it.

Conference

The conference in Kerrville is lining up quite well so far. This year the conference will begin on Friday afternoon, March 2, 2012 with speakers and a self defense clinic with Erwine Ballarta. Maybe I can talk him into doing another on Saturday, March 3, 2012, if the class is full. Austin Davis has a few topics that always entertain. Our key-note speaker hasn't been confirmed yet so I will not say who, but you will like it. As last year the “judge” (Texas Supreme Court Justice) will speak and keep us up to date on legal stuff. We have many more activities in store and as I told you before, it only gets better from now on.

So make plans on joining us in Kerrville from Friday afternoon, March 2, 2012 through Sunday afternoon, March 4, 2012. Looking forward to seeing you in Kerrville.



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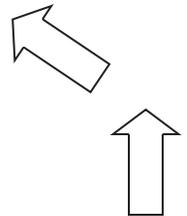
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