

ARMED

Legal, Smart, & Alive.



You carry a firearm for self-defense, but do you know the areas that can land you in jail or dead?

This publication will go over the areas you did not learn in any state sanctioned license or permit course. Areas that might help you stay ALIVE!

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Please remember all Gun Safety Rules.

Thank you,

Gene Kennedy

Most state sanctioned Carry License / Permit mandatory training is to help you become legal to carry a firearm. However, is it something that can help you stay alive, or out of jail? Most state mandatory training is not for that purpose. It was created to help you not shoot yourself, or someone else you did not intend to shoot.

This publication will address areas that will hopefully help a Legally Armed Citizen stay alive, and out of jail. I have been teaching these areas to Legally Armed Citizens for over 20 years. When certain states told me how to instruct to students their way, I stopped teaching State Certified Classes. I much prefer to help individuals return home to their families, than to make sure they know where to store their firearm. I have instructed & taught thousands of people. Now most of my time is spent writing on the subjects in this publication. I hope you find this publication interesting, and most of all beneficial.

Best regards, and stay SAFE,

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Semiautomatic Vs. Revolver

REVOLVER



Most people think that a semi-automatic handgun is what they should carry. They see them used in movies, and on most Law Enforcement Officers. Semi-automatic handguns are fine, if you have the time to practice with them, and you know how to use them under a stress situation. What do you do if you have a misfire, squib load, or a stove-pipe? If you don't know what these words mean, do yourself a favor and carry a wheel gun.

A wheel gun is simple to use. Pull the trigger and if the pistol does not fire, pull the trigger again. It is not complicated. Unlike the police or military, most civilian self-defense shooting incidents happen very fast.

Long drawn out gun battles are not common. Semi-automatic pistols carry more ammunition, but if you cannot shoot the pistol properly or can't clear a malfunction, what good is more ammo going to do?

Most people who are authorized to carry pistols, should be carrying revolvers, but they tend to carry semi-automatic pistols. Unfortunately, when the crap hits the fan, they find out they are carrying a pistol that is not beneficial for them. Problems that occur with semi-automatics is what can hurt a person who is not able to handle the problems. It is for these reasons, that revolvers may be better for some people.

SEMI-AUTOMATIC



Semi-Automatic Pistol: There are so many semi-automatic pistols, that any desire can be met. Want a

Pink semi-automatic pistol, you can get one. Want a small semi-automatic pistol to keep in your pocket, there is one available for you. The bulk of all Legally Armed Citizens, carry semi-automatic pistols, but should they? If the operators have the time to practice with this type of handgun, there should be few problems. Semi-automatic pistols require better shooting techniques than revolvers. Have a limp wrist, and the pistol may not shoot properly. Have a malfunction during a self-defense incident, and you better know what to do fast.

If you have the time to learn from a good shooting instructor, and take the time to practice what you have learned, a semi-automatic pistol could wind up being your best friend [I sleep with mine]. Only if you can do these things, should you consider carrying a semi-automatic pistol. Utilize the **KISS** formula, and you will have a better chance of surviving a dangerous incident.

KISS = Keep It Simple Stupid

Whatever type of handgun you are thinking about carrying, try to test it before you spend a few hundred dollars on the purchase. Most indoor gun ranges sell firearms. Normally they have handguns that can be rented, revolvers and semi-automatics. Either type might not be the exact model you are considering, but shooting a similar model will help you decide. Also consider how you will be carrying the handgun. Take the time to make an informed decision because:



YOUR LIFE MIGHT DEPEND ON THIS DECISION.

OPEN CARRY CAN BE DANGEROUS

In Virginia, a 22 year old man was carrying his pistol in the open on his hip. A teenager walked up behind him, and grabbed his pistol. Before the gun owner could do anything, the teenager walked directly into a convenience store, and shot two people. When the gun owner ran into the store to try and retrieve his pistol, the teenager shot and killed him. Over the next two days, some more people were shot by this troubled teen.

This gun owner did not have a safety latch on his holster, probably did not know anything about weapon retention, and like others who carry their pistol in the open, was making a 'political' statement by carrying this way.

Most people who carry this way, want others to know they are carrying a firearm, want to make a statement about suppressive gun laws in their state, but never think about the consequences of carrying this way.

Lets remember why the majority of Legally Armed

Citizens carry a firearm. It is to give them a way to oppose an attacker who is most likely trying to hurt or kill them. Why would anyone want others to know they are carrying a firearm? The public gets upset, Police are cautious of this person, and the thugs all know you have a firearm. Is Open Carry an advantage to helping you keep thugs away? Here is what I found.

I asked a number of prisoners in a State Prison, if they saw a person wearing a firearm visible, would that intimidate them? A number of the thugs said they might consider getting a few of their gang members to help them get the pistol from the gun owner. “We all carry guns. Knowing that the dude has one on him, we are not going to be surprised when we rob him. Guns are one thing we can trade for drugs, or sell on the street.”

What is the type of carry for most Law Enforcement Officers off-duty? Concealed! They don't want others to know they are carrying a weapon. If there is an altercation around them, they can always make their own decision when and or, if they want to draw their gun.

In a robbery of a liquor store in Nashville, Tennessee, one of the customers who was told to lay on the floor, had a Handgun Carry Permit, and was armed. These armed robbers were violent thugs. If they saw the customer had a pistol in the 'open', he would have been shot immediately. The robbers had cased the store, and knew the employees did not carry weapons. They only had a baseball bat for protection (see photo # 1).

When the armed customer felt the odds were in his favor, he drew his pistol and began to shoot the armed robber. He was a good shot. The first few shots hit the robber in the arm, chest, and abdomen. The armed robber was still able to return fire at the Permit Holder. This was a firefight. The Legally Armed Citizen had to do a tactical reload during the battle (see his pistol at photo # 2). The armed robber needed to get out because he was hurt bad. He got out to the parking lot, where he fell to the ground (photo # 4). He died while being transported to the hospital. Again, if this armed thug had seen the customer carrying a pistol, he would have shot him immediately.

Remember this incident. Carrying his pistol concealed (photo # 3), allowed this Armed Citizen to choose when he wanted to engage the robber. He is alive, and the thug is dead. Still want to carry in the 'Open'?

1

Employee's Baseball Bat By Checkout Counter At Liquor Store.



2

Legally Armed Customer's Pistol. See the bullet hole in the box.



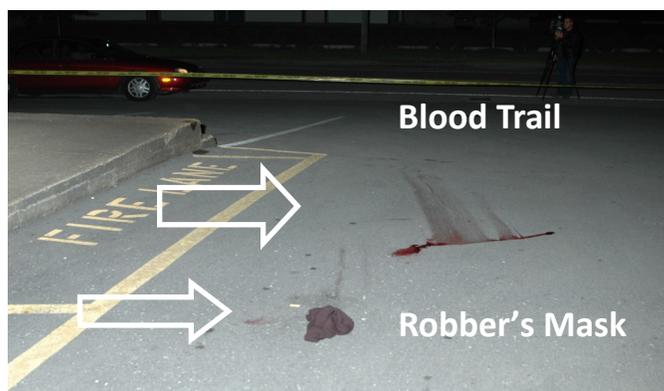
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Permit Holder Carried His Pistol Concealed Under His Jacket.



4

Robber's Mask & Blood Trail In Parking Lot.



Shooter Vs. Witness

Your in your office, and you hear gun fire. Your office is next to a bank. You look out your window, and you see a car idling outside the bank. You think the bank is being robbed. You grab your pistol. Because you're a Legally Armed Citizen, you go down the stairs to confront the robbers, or help the police when they arrive. When you get outside your building you see the robbers, but they also see you with a pistol in your hand. They react faster than you. Your shot, and killed. This happened in Ohio. If this person just called the police, and told them the license plate, he would probably be alive today.

Your license or permit to carry a weapon, is primarily for self protection. You also have the right to protect others from harm. However, if you place yourself in jeopardy, you could be the one harmed.

If you are in a situation where there is a dangerous armed thug, get as much information for the police as possible. Remember, most armed thugs carry a weapon to help them get what they want, and use it to stay out of jail. If they see your pistol and have the chance to shoot you, they will do it. If you have never been in a shoot-out, don't place yourself in danger by thinking you will come out on top. If you are not in direct danger, make yourself a good witness for the police. They have the knowledge and experience, to capture or confront this person. Always keep your pistol holstered, until you know it will save your life, or the life of another person. Always remember that any of your shots could harm an innocent person. Don't jeopardize yourself by jumping into a situation you are not 100% sure you could win.

Practice The Draw To Stay Alive

It impossible to fire your pistol, until you first draw it out from your holster. Most people practice shooting, however they rarely practice the draw. You will not win any gun fight if you cannot draw your pistol within 1 1/2 seconds. That is the amount of time for someone to get to you with a knife, and less time with a gun. Because of this, you must practice to have your pistol ready to be on target within this amount of time. The only way you can achieve this is with practice.

Practice in the confines of your home with an un-loaded carry gun. Over & over again and again. Why? You are training your reflexes and motor skills, to be able to draw your pistol without thinking about it. Just like it took you years to stop or maneuver your car to avoid an accident, the same reflexives will help you draw your carry gun when it is necessary to help you stay alive.

Training Documents Will Help You

You have been authorized to carry a Lethal Weapon. However, unless you shoot your instructor, most state firearm qualifications are easy, but not very informative about defensive shooting. This is an area that most Legally Armed Citizens need to pursue. Why? Lets assume that you were attacked by some thug on the street. If you were quick enough to get your pistol out of your holster and shoot it, you might be able to hit the thug, or a whole lot of innocent bystanders. Did you have any training experience other than your state mandatory Carry Course?

Any attorney in a civil trial will question your ability with a firearm. Knowing that most State Qualification is minimal, most Carry Holders should undertake some additional training.

No additional training, your chances of paying out a ton of money to innocent people in your shooting incident is high. Training is something that should be done. You are carrying a Lethal Weapon. You should be competent to use it properly.

There are two (2) areas that a Legally Armed Citizen should consider.

1.) Safety and Marksmanship.

2.) Aspects of Deadly Force, and the law.

Safety & Marksmanship: These are important incase you are in a self-defense shooting. Without knowing how to shoot the pistol accurately, and you shoot an innocent person, you will most likely face a civil trial, and possible a criminal trial.

Aspects of Deadly Force: Don't know anything about the use of Deadly Force, you might not be able to prove it was necessary to shoot your attacker. Under the rules of evidence, if you cannot prove that you had knowledge prior to a situation (like a self-defense shooting) it may not be allowed in court.

What can a Legally Armed Citizen do to help themselves in these areas. Document all your firearm training, including your state mandated Carry Course. Any additional firearms training including any notes taken during these classes, books your have read on self-defense or the law, keep a copy of the Tueller Drill that explains how lethal a knife can be from a distance of 21 to 32 feet, and local media reports about violent crime. Understand this information, then package it all together. Make two packages with this information, send one via USPS by Certified Mail to your attorney, and the other one to yourself in the same manner. Do not open either of these packages. They are only for one purpose, to be opened at your

trial to show your training and knowledge, prior to the shooting incident. This is important because it shows that you had training and knew about self-defense, prior to the actual shooting that caused you to be in court. Remember, without proving you had additional training and knowledge of self-defense prior to your shooting, this information might not be allowed in Court.

Do a little preparation prior to ever being in a Court of Law. You are carrying a Lethal Weapon. Without knowing how to shoot your pistol, the law, and self-defense, you might face a difficult time. Most Jury members will want Legally Armed Civilians to be competent, know how to shoot, and understand the aspects of self-defense. Taking the time to do these steps, might help you from serious problems from an Anti Gun Jury.

One last item about training. Most people think that the average thug just carries a firearm, but does not know how to shoot it properly. I use to think the same thing, until I read a study done by the FBI on violent criminals. Titled:

A Study of Felonious Assaults on Our Nation's Law Enforcement Officers

According to this study here are some astounding facts most people don't know.

- **40 % of violent criminals received formal firearms training.**
- **Over 80% of them regularly practiced with firearms. Averaging 23 practice sessions a year.**
- **More than 40% had at least one gunfight experience.**
- **25% had been involved in more than 5 gunfights.**

It seems that most thugs practice more than the majority of all Legally Armed Citizens. This should open the eyes of any person who legally carries a firearm for self-defense.

Check Your Carry Ammunition

Using certain ammo in a self-defense shooting, might hurt you in a civil trial. If it is a true self-defensive shooting, most criminal investigators will ask that you not be charged. However, if the felon was hurt or killed, you will normally face their attorney in a civil trial. Here are some areas to consider in this type of a trial.

Ammo You Reloaded:

Manufactured Defensive Ammo has been tested and approved, by the National Institute of Justice. Manufactured ammo is covered by liability. If you reload your own self-defense ammo, you loose these elements in a civil trial. The attorney of the person you harmed or killed, will make the case that you exceeded the propellant reloading limits, and made the ammo more dangerous. Even if you have been found not guilty of the crime of homicide or a lessor charge, the felon's attorney will seek money for his client's family, underage girlfriend, or anyone else he thinks he could get money for. The more money he wins, the more he earns. You can still reload range and practice ammo, but you should only purchase manufactured ammo for your carry pistol.

Plus P & Other Hot Ammo:

If you harmed or killed your attacker, even if you were found justifiable in the shooting, you may still face a civil trial. Your attackers attorney will try & get funds from you, and could bring up the ammo you used, to try and convince the jury that you wanted to make sure you caused harm to someone. A person on the jury, not familiar with ammo, might agree with the attorney's reasoning on the subject. One way to counter this approach, is to carry the same ammunition your local police carry. They will normally carry hollow point manufactured ammunition. It will be hard to make a jury think

you are an animal. After all, you were carrying the same ammunition as the police in their home town use. Try & make it simple for you, carrying the same ammo as your local police will do this.

Shouting A Warning Announcement You With Your Attacker & In Court

Why do Law Enforcement Officers scream **“Stop Police”**, at people they are chasing or trying to arrest? Not only for the person their chasing, but also for anyone in the area to hear their ‘announcement’. In every criminal trial, the District Attorney or the clients attorney, asks the Officer “Did you announce yourself as a Police Officer?” If a witness heard his announcement, it tells the Jury he made an attempt to let the person know he was a Police Officer. If the person he was chasing was hurt or killed by the Officer, he did not shoot this person without giving them proper notification. In the Michael Brown shooting in Missouri, Officer Wilson yelled “STOP” a number of times. This helped him in his defense with the Grand Jury.

“Stop I’m armed, don’t make me shoot!”

This is an announcement that every Legally Armed Person should yell when involved in a self-defensive shooting incident. They told the thug they did not want to shoot them. They warned them they were armed. They also told any other person in the vicinity, that they did not want to shoot this person.

Sometimes in a criminal or civil trial, the opposing attorney will try and

make the Legally Armed Citizen look like a deranged killer. By shouting this type of warning, it helps to counter this move by the attorney.

How do you train yourself to do this when you have enough on your mind during a shooting incident. Practice. Use your unloaded pistol, draw it [look at page 15], and shout “Stop I’m armed, don't’ make me shoot!”, over and over again. You are training your mind to react to a dangerous situation.

It might sound silly, but you are doing your best to try and save your ass from loosing everything you own, if you are charged with homicide or a another charge.

This type of verbal announcement can also help to remove the nasty verbal comments that can be made during any self-defense incident. You don’t want the members of the Jury to hear that you told this person he was a scum bucket, a low life pig, and you were going to kill him. You are a Legally Armed Citizen who had to draw your weapon to defend yourself from severe bodily injury, or potential death. You were doing what you were authorized to do, by your state issued Carry License / Permit. Lets hope you never have to make this announcement.

Record Your Shooting Incident

You have been involved in a self defense shooting incident. You have already called 911 and reported it. Although the Police will be there soon, you need to start remembering the elements that caused you to shoot. A robbery attempt, gang attack, whatever it was that caused you to draw your pistol, you need to start recording what occurred. By recording what happened on this day, you will be able to use this information later, if you are in a Court procedure. Call your cell phone, and record information about your shooting like:

- **Time of day.**
- **Type of weather.**
- **People who may have witnessed the incident [very important].**
- **Reason you had to draw on this person.**
- **What race was the person you shot.**
- **What were they wearing.**
- **Height of your attacker.**
- **Distance between the attacker and you.**
- **What type of weapon did they have.**

By recording it to your cell phone the same day, you will be more accurate on what occurred. Be assured that the opposing Attorney will question you about these areas. You can be assured, there will be a different story than the one you recorded on your cell phone, by the other person.

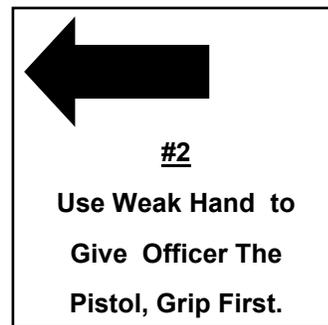
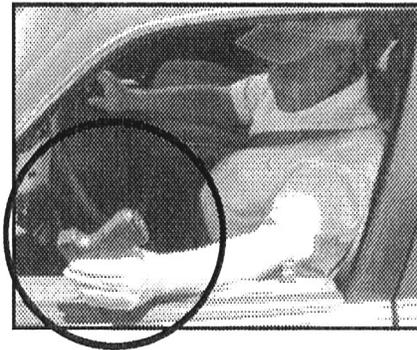
Advising A Law Officer Your Armed During A Traffic Stop

These states now require you to advise a Law Enforcement Officer, there is a loaded gun in the vehicle. Don't do it and the Officer finds out, you can be charged with a misdemeanor. These states are:

Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas.

- If you are stopped by a Law Enforcement Officer, you should advise him or her that you have you are armed. Tell him or her: I have a North Carolina Concealed Handgun Permit, or whatever Carry License or Permit you have received.
1. When stopped, keep your hands on the steering wheel so the officer can see both of your hands. If the stop occurs at night, turn on the dome light [**see photo # 1**].
 2. You could be asked by the officer to surrender your weapon while he checks your permit to make sure it is valid. Here is the procedure to surrender your pistol:
 - **First**, tell the officer where the pistol is and would the officer want to take it, or would he prefer that the pistol be handed over to him. If the officer wants it handed over, use the weak hand to get and hold the pistol with grip towards officer [**see photo #2**].

Whatever you do, make sure that you do **not** hand the pistol to the officer with the muzzle pointed at the officer. The majority of law enforcement officers respect the right of law abiding citizens to carry firearms for self-defense, but their job can be stressful. The procedures outlined here will keep both you and the officer safe and respectful to each other. You can watch a video on my website **www.legallyarmed.com** about this issue.



Training Will Help You Say Alive

These are crime scene photos of dead thugs. Why am I showing them to you? Because without some additional self-defense training with your firearm, these photos could be you.



Lets us all remember why we carry a firearm. To help us live another day. Without some type of additional firearm training, that may not happen. Granted, the majority of Legally Armed Citizens, will never have to draw their pistol for self-defense. However, there is another area that is not addressed by most people. However, I am not one of these people.

Currently there are over 11,000,000+ Legally Armed Citizens in the USA. There are only about 865,000+ commissioned Law Officers in the USA. In Europe, there have been Terrorist Attacks. There have been attacks in the USA like Fort Hood.



What happened in France will not happen in the USA because, there are over 11,000,000 Legally Armed US Citizens. Granted that most can't shoot worth a dam, but because of the numbers Of these people, a terrorist attack in the USA will not be stopped by Law Enforcement, but probably one of the 11,000,000 Legally Armed Citizens. If it is you, be ready for the battle. Additional firearms training will not just help you, it might help others. Remember, most terror attacks are not from bombs, but small arms. If you want some direction on good firearm trainers, send me an e-mail to:

instructors@legallyarmed.com

IDENTIFICATION

Your in a location where shots are fired. You see people being shot by somebody in a hood, wearing black clothes. You realize if you don't react, you and others might be shot. It is time to step up to the plate, and try and stop the shooter. Your pistol is out when you see another person also has a pistol, but has not been shooting. He now sees you with your pistol drawn. Both of you stare at each other. Does he think your one of the bad guys, or is he one of the bad guys? Neither one of you can see anything on each other, to show if you're a 'friendly' or a 'bad' guy. This is something that every Legally Armed Citizen needs to think about: How can I be identified as a Friendly? Look at the ID product below. It is a reflective ID. The colors are made in reflective material of Blue, Gold, & Blue. There is **NO** Badge used with this product. You are not a commissioned Law Enforcement Officer. Wearing some type of badge, might lead others to think you are, and create problems for you. Also, the reason for the Reflective ID is that it can be seen in low light. The color coding will relate to any Law Officer. Is he an under cover officer, or is he an armed security person? However, it allows them to consider you as a **'friendly'**, versus a threat. Most Legally Armed Citizens have not considered this problem. I have, because shootings of Legally Armed Citizens have already happened. In Tennessee after a store robbery, a Legally Armed Citizen was shot & killed by a Police Officer. The Police Officer saw the gun and believed there was a threat to him. If it happened once, it will happen again. Don't let it happen to you. View ID Case on next page

Front side seen outside a shirt with the reflective material shown.



Backside holds Your Carry License or Permit.



How does the reflective material work at night?

Seen at night around the neck.



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Seen at night held in hand.

Headlights from a Police Car.



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