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CLASS SUPPLEMENT

INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WHILE ARMED

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The following worksheets are provided as supplements to the video portions of this PDN Academy Class.

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CARRY A GUN LEGALLY

Maintaining a clear understanding of the laws surrounding possession of a firearm, especially for personal defense, is critical to ensuring compliant interactions with law enforcement and to avoiding potentially dangerous escalation.

Refer to local, state, and federal government sources, including the state Office of Attorney General website, to find answers to the questions below. Pay particular attention to laws concerning the possession of a firearm for personal defense where you live and travel. Make note of the sources of your answers so you can return to them for future reference. Once you have an understanding of current laws, consider joining second amendment advocacy groups or firearm related social media groups to help you stay informed about changes in the laws.

1. Is your home state a "Constitutional Carry", "Shall Issue" or "May Issue" state?

2. If your state has a Concealed Carry Permit System, what is required to obtain such a permit?

3. List 3 instructors or schools close to you who offer courses to obtain Concealed Carry Permits in your area, include the length of the course, the price, as well as the next posted class on their calendar.

4. Are there specific restrictions in regard to the presence or use of alcohol while carrying a gun in your state, even if you have a permit?

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5. List 3 places within 5 miles of your home or workplace where you cannot legally carry a firearm, even with a permit.

6. Is "Open Carry" of a firearm legal in your state?

7. Research at least one other state that you travel to often, or have family in, and answer Questions #1, #2 and #4.

8. Does the state you researched in Question #7 respect your home state permit?

FIREARMS IN BUILDINGS

Having firearms staged in your home, workplace, or other dwelling, provides efficient access to a gun for defensive purposes. But how might the manner in which you have your defensive firearms staged affect your interactions with law enforcement?

The very presence of a firearm, especially one which is staged in a manner that does not meet the laws where you are, may inadvertently complicate your interactions with law enforcement. Understanding the laws governing how firearms are staged or stored is the first step in avoiding a potential misunderstanding, or worse, if you're visited by an officer of the law.

Use your answers to the questions below to assess how you currently stage your firearms for defensive use. Refer to local, state, and federal government sources, including the state Office of Attorney General website, to find answers to the questions. Once you have an understanding of current laws, consider joining second amendment advocacy groups or firearm related social media groups to help you stay informed about changes in the laws. Also, consider how you might adjust the ways in which you stage your firearms in order to comply with all applicable laws while maintaining the most efficient means possible to access your firearm in a worst case scenario. For reference, go to www.personaldefensenetwork.com for more information on ways in which you can stage a firearm for defensive use.

1. Are there specific laws in your jurisdiction governing the storage of firearms and/or ammunition? If so, list the specific code sections and details.

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2. Are there laws in your jurisdiction that govern allowing children to have access to firearms? If so, list the specific code sections and details.

3. Does your employer restrict your firearms possession? How?

4. Do restrictions placed by your employer or the owner of the building(s) in which you work carry the force of law or are they "policies"?

FIREARMS IN VEHICLES

Use this worksheet to help you thoroughly understand laws concerning possession of a firearm in a vehicle. Certain laws may restrict how you carry your gun for defensive use while inside a vehicle, and may affect your choice of defensive tools, the skills you train, the equipment you buy, and the practices you use when it comes to personal defense.

Answer the questions below as they relate to possessing a firearm in a vehicle where you live or travel. Refer to local, state, and federal government sources, including the state Office of Attorney General website, to find your answers. Make note of the sources of your answers so you can return to them for future reference. Once you have an understanding of current laws, consider joining second amendment advocacy organizations or firearm-related social media groups to help you stay informed about changes in the laws.

1. Can you legally have a loaded gun in the passenger area of your vehicle in your state, without a permit?

2. If you cannot have a loaded gun staged for defensive use in your vehicle in your home state, how can you legally transport a gun?

3. In your home state, are you required to notify police officers that you are carrying a firearm during a traffic stop?

4. What are the legal requirements under the Firearms Owners Protection Act for traveling with stored guns through a state where you cannot legally carry or stage a loaded defensive gun?

5. Answer Questions #1, #2 and #3 for any two states that border the one you live or work in.

Additional Worksheet Notes

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