

## **The next 5 years of concealed carry Concealed Carry and Self-defense**

### **A curious conflict-**

If I ask a CPL applicant two questions I can usually find out the applicants mindset, reason and how much they will probably practice handgun CPL skills.

#### **1. Why do you want to have a CPL?**

**Answer:** Crime is out there, you never know or just in case. If you carry “**just in case**” you need it - then you had better be prepared to use it. “**Just in case**”

#### **2. How often will you carry the handgun?**

**Answer:** Not often - Usually only when I go to high crime areas or feel the need to.

A small percentage will carry on a regular bases.

**Then - There are two questions you need to ask yourself that will determine the conflict or violent confrontation.**

1. Do you have a license to carry a concealed pistol **or (2)** do you have the license carry and **reality based skills**? That include but not limited to the following:

- 1. Practical and Tactical shooting skills,**
- 2. Shoot/ don't shoot decision making**
- 3. The selection and use alternative use of force devices.**

**So - You are the first responder**

**You - (the person confronted by the aggressor) is the real first responder.**

**What you do can result in a life being saved or prosecution for a crime and civil lawsuit.**

**So- don't let your first attempt at self-defense become an experiment that failed.**

**Train as if it will happen not as if it might!!!!**

## **Remember --**

**You have more power than the state of Michigan.**

**You can pass the death sentence with your handgun based on your own decision.**

**You had better hope it is the correct one.**

### **Be aware:**

**A person can be held criminally and civilly liable for wrongfully pointing or discharging a pistol at another person. This could result in trauma to yourself and your family, the loss of freedom, loss of employment, related wages and health benefits, and future wages and employment. There is always the possibility of prosecution and/or a wrongful death lawsuit.**

**It is most important that you develop a plan to live a safe life style that will help you avoid the use of the handgun.**

### **How?**

- Be aware of your surroundings to avoid a confrontation that may result in the use of the handgun.
- Have a plan to respond to a threat at home or on the street.
- Install and use home security devices.

**You must have the right mental attitude to carry a handgun;** Situations can make you angry or upset; people can do you wrong; this doesn't mean you can point guns at people. Can you take verbal abuse and control yourself?

**If you have and/or carry a handgun, conduct your life as if you don't have one,** then you may not need one. (Don't take extra risks)

**Do you have the mindset, will and skill to survive** a violent deadly encounter?

**You need to be a person who can make a decision under stress,** a shoot / don't shoot decision. The decision and ability to take a life!

**You must be cautious about being involved in a physical encounter** while carrying a handgun. It may be taken from you and you may be shot with your own gun.

**It may take several rounds to stop an attacker**, in the meantime the attacker can be shooting at you. A person who will eventually die from gunshot wounds can still be a deadly threat to you.

**Training does not imitate reality - unless you have reality based training.**

### **At the Range**

- The target does not shoot back
- The target does not move
- The backstop is safe
- If your gun malfunctions it does not matter

### **The muscle memory reaction principle.**

Each time a person picks up a handgun and points it downrange at a piece of paper the person is teaching themselves to pull the trigger (each and every time) without any consideration of what they are shooting at and even if they should be shooting. **That is a built in trap for all shooters.** A trap that could have disastrous results. Once you start the drawing action (or pick up the gun) it is likely you will continue the muscle memory reflex action and shoot because that is what you taught yourself whether you knew it or not. **AND that is why law enforcement are required to complete a shoot/don't shoot course of fire to carry a firearm.**

### **Remember**

Most all attacks occur within a close distance (4-21 ft)

An average of 3-5 rounds are fired or whatever is in your handgun

Most people do not carry extra ammunition, therefore self-defense shooting skills are very important less than 50% of rounds fired hit the target (Do you have enough rounds to stop an attacker?)

All deadly force confrontations are violent, close, and usually over in a matter of seconds.

### **You're Responsibility**

During the next 5 years of your CPL you are responsible to be sure you are operating within the CPL laws in Michigan and other states. You should know where to find current law and how it applies to you.

## **You should know that:**

The CPL license is valid for up to 5 years and expires on your birthday of the 5<sup>th</sup> year.

### **During that time -**

**You** are **not** notified of changes to the law.

**You are notified regarding** the expiration of your license.

**Warning** – Carrying concealed pistol with an expired CPL is a felony offence.

**There is no formal state approved recurrent CPL training during the duration of your CPL**

### **But-**

**You** are required to maintain your shooting proficiency and **You** are required to stay current on all applicable laws. **How you do it is up to you.**

**The only training “required”** is prior to the renewal of your CPL .The CPL holder is required to complete a 4 hour renewal training within 6 months prior to the license expiration date.

**Three hours** of review of “required” material. Meaning you should meet the same firearms law and legal liability standards required for initial CPL applicant and **One hour** range time.

**You can qualify** for the CPL class with any caliber of handgun. If possible use your self-defense handgun.

**You are not required to re- qualify** or demonstrate proficiency to carry handguns purchased after your initial CPL. For the safety of all people you should meet CPL standards with all handguns used for self-defense.

**You can move anywhere** within the state of Michigan and it is not necessary to change the address on your CPL license.

**The CPL license** is a handgun purchase permit.

**You can purchase a handgun(s)** over the counter at the point of sale with or without a CPL

**All handguns** must to be registered.

**You can carry more** than one handgun.

**You must apply** for the license in your county of residence

## **Handgun Carry and Transportation Methods:**

**Concealed carry methods** apply with the handgun on the person or in a vehicle.

Concealed carry means the handgun cannot be identified as a handgun by the casual observer (Attorney General's Opinion)

**Open carry** means the handgun must be seen from three sides. EXA: Police officer duty carry

**Transport** means to ---

1. Have the handgun in a lockable gun box
2. No ammunition in the box, gun or magazine.
3. Box locked if in passenger compartment or in box and not locked if placed in the trunk of the vehicle.

## **5 year Action Plan**

1. Maintain an **Annual Recurrent Training Plan** that includes

- Legal review
- Shooting skills
- Use of force shoot / don't shoot decision making training.

**2. Shooting qualification skills should be gun and ammunition specific**

- 8.5 inch target
- Target Placed at 21 feet
- At least 50 rounds
- Get a receipt for the range time and attach to target

**3. Target information should include**

- Your signature
- Date
- Range used
- Rounds fired
- Handgun used

**4. Read the Handgun Manual**

**5. Disassemble - clean - Reassemble handgun**

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### **Reference Sources**

Michigan State Police web site

Michigan State Police Legal Updates - main page

The Michigan State Police **MFAQ** are a good place to look for additional information regarding specific questions.

ATF TSA DNR

Customs and Border Patrol

Office of the attorney General - CCW overview

Handgun Training Specialists legal resource link (HGTS)

**Remember without a paper trail it did not exist**

**CPL HANDGUN SAFETY AND COURSE OF FIRE – 98 ROUNDS**

**1. Handgun operation and safety familiarization**

**2. The building block shooting technique Target 15 ft - 16 rounds fired**

**Load one and fire one**

**Load two and fire two**

**Continue loading one round until 5 rounds are fired.**

**3. 15 ft - 12 rounds**

**4. 21 ft - 12 rounds**

**6. Sight alignment drill 21 ft**

**7. 10 ft- point and shoot / tunnel vision drill - 18 rounds**

**8. 15 ft - 12 rounds - strong hand**

**9. 15 ft - 12 rounds - weak hand**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Target Number and Distance \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Rounds Fired \_\_\_\_\_ Handgun \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Ammunition \_\_\_\_\_

