

## Introductory Concealed Weapons Course Outline (8-Hr)

To meet the CCW training requirements of the Amador County Sheriff's Office, and comply with California Penal Code §12050(a)(1)(E)(i), any introductory Concealed Weapons Course shall be no less than 8 hours in length, and shall minimally include the following topics.

All persons attending the 8-hour course must be present for the entire 8-hour course and qualify with all firearms that they intend to carry concealed. All persons wishing to qualify must demonstrate safe weapon handling during the qualification course of fire, as determined by the instructor. The qualification course of fire shall be as follows:

From the holster or appropriate concealment method:

- 3 yard line** - 5 rounds (30 seconds)
- 5 yard line** - 5 rounds, reload, 5 rounds (60 seconds)
- 7 yard line** - 5 rounds (30 seconds)
- 10 yard line** - 5 rounds (30 seconds)

The target shall be a standard B27 or comparable. A passing score is attained if all twenty five rounds are fired within the allotted time, and if 20 rounds (80%) are within the target area.

- The above course of fire is the minimum established standard. Each individual school or training group may make the qualification more restrictive by methods they deem appropriate such as decreasing time, decreasing target size or target zones, increasing distance, incorporating movement, etc.

It is highly recommended that in addition to a qualification course, the range training consist of some form of practical exercise requiring identification of threats, shooting from multiple positions, shooting from varying distances, shooting while moving, and shooting under time constraints.

Any instructor wishing to certify and teach a Concealed Weapons Course shall have completed a Basic Firearms Instructor Course from an accredited institution, such as the National Rifle Association, California Commission on POST, Smith and Wesson Academy, or the equivalent as determined by the Sheriff.

While the course content may be at the discretion of the Instructor, the course shall minimally include the following topics:

- I. Safety orientation
  - A. Review of range safety policies and procedures
- II. Introduction to Firearms
  - A. Fundamental Firearms Safety
    1. Cardinal Rules of Firearms Safety

2. Handgun Safety Rules
    3. Loading and Unloading procedures
  - B. Handguns
    1. Handgun operation
    2. Handgun Selection
    3. Ammunition selection and storage
  - C. Firearms Cleaning and Maintenance
  - D. Safe storage of firearms (Penal Code § 12035).
- III. Shooting Fundamentals
  - A. Basic Marksmanship
  - B. Malfunction Clearing
  - C. Shooting under Stress
  - D. Firearms Concealment
    1. Methods of concealment
    2. Holster selection
    3. Shooting from concealment
- IV. Carrying a Concealed Weapon
  - A. Permit restrictions
  - B. Proper CCW etiquette
  - C. Contact with Law Enforcement while carrying a concealed weapon
- V. Permissible use of a Firearm
  - A. Use of Deadly Force
  - B. Civil Liabilities
  - C. Escalation of Force
- VI. Law Review
  - A. Federal codes
  - B. State codes
  - C. Rules and Regulations pertaining to firearms
- VII. Range Training
  - A. Practical shooting course as determined by instructor
  - B. Qualification course and testing