



## Louisiana Open Carry Awareness League May 2014 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Lake Charles Group** Our monthly LOCAL meeting will be held again at the Taco Bell in Moss Bluff, La. at 5:30pm Monday, May 5, 2014.

**Northwest area** LOCAL is meeting Wednesday, May. 7 at Southfield Grill, 1810 Benton Rd, Bossier at 6:30 pm.  
(Every first Wednesday of the month)

**Lafayette** area LOCAL will meet Tuesday May 13, 2014 at 202 E. Angus Dr. in Youngsville, LA around 6:30pm.

The **Capital (Baton Rouge)** area LOCAL meet will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 6:30pm at the IHOP on College Drive in Baton Rouge.

**Florida Parishes Chapter** Special AR Build Meeting: Third Saturday of May, the 17th. At 630pm at Alpine watches & knives 2033 N Highway 190 Ste 16, Covington LA 70433 for a build session then over to IHOP for Supper around 8pm. For more info see our thread here <http://laopencarry.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=15&t=91>

The **Southeast area** of LOCAL will have a Range Meeting at Saint Bernard Indoor Shooting Center (SBISC) May 29, 2014. For more info see the thread on our forums here <http://laopencarry.org/forum/viewtopic.php?f=15&t=93>

*More meetings will be announced as they are scheduled...*

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### Gun Shows:

The **Monroe** Gun show will be held on May 3rd - 4th, 2014 at the Monroe Civic Center.

The **Gonzales** Gun Show will be held on May 17th - 18th, 2014 at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Hall.

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Lake Charles: Our Open Carry meeting for June will be at the Moss Bluff Burger King at 530P, 9 June. I have some papers from a local 2nd amendment lawyer to pass out & will brief you on my last meeting with the parish Sheriff's office.

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I also recently had a sit down talk with the #3 deputy in the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Dept. He too is on our side & stated his deputies are all aware of the Open Carry laws of Louisiana & respect our rights. It is refreshing to speak to these law officers without being intimidated by their bluster, none of which I have witnessed in all of my meetings.

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NOLA: Physically detained and disarmed by Whole Foods store cop: Sgt. Wade  
<http://forum.opencarry.org/forums/showthread.php?109865-NOLA-Physically-detained-and-disarmed-by-Whole-Foods-store-cop-Sgt-Wade-Boswer>

I'm at the deli asking a question when all of the sudden an arm comes from behind and around my throat and another hand is taking my firearm out of my holster.

I am marched through the store before all appearances with my hands behind my back. People I know are looking at me like I just stole something. I'm forced into a storage room by the store cop who physically detains me for "carrying a firearm in the store". When asked for ID, I take the opportunity to also grab my phone and film this aftermath.

I have since unwound, but I'm still pretty shook up. I feel embarrassed, violated and humiliated. My argument is this: If you don't want firearms in your store fine, put up a sign or politely ask the individual to leave, but this man snuck up behind me and put me in some kind of choke hold and took my firearm!

IT'S OVER.

Mr. Courrèges secured our victory and they settled. As per the settlement agreement, I cannot tell you the exact amount, but I will be making a donation to Louisiana Open-Carry Awareness and if they decide to post the donation amount, that's on them. This has never been about money for me, but the new trend seems to be gun+camera=payday, so don't be afraid to open-carry, just have a camera handy.

Most importantly, this is a victory for all open-carriers, especially the people of New Orleans Louisiana- a city that obvious cannot dictate who can and cannot carry a firearm and write their own laws on the fly. As for me, I have the satisfaction to look back and say: "No sir, your understanding is WRONG".

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