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Gun Shows

Gonzales: Aug 1 & 2 at Lamar-Dixon Expo Center - Trade Mart Building 250T, 9039 St. Landry Rd. SAT. 9-5, SUN. 10-4

Lafayette: August 8 & 9 at the Lafayette Event Center, 4607 Johnston St. SAT. 9-5 & SUN. 10-4

Kenner: Aug 15-16 at the Pontchartrain Center, 4545 Williams Blvd. Show Hours Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5

Bossier City: Aug 22 & 23 at the Bossier Civic Center, 620 Benton Rd. Hours Sat 9-5, Sun 9-5

Houma: Aug 22 & 23 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Blvd. Hours Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

Lake Charles: Aug 29-30 at the Lake Charles Civic Center, 900 Lakeshore Dr. Hours Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4

Monroe, Barak Shrine Gun & Knife Show: Aug 29-30 at the Barak Shrine Temple, 6620 Frontage Rd. Hours Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4 

Sec/Treas/Webmaster Report

I was interviewed for a few articles about the tragic shooting in Lafayette.

One is pretty good and accurate:

<http://sputniknews.com/us/20150725/1025028875.html>

The other, not so much and MUCH was left in the wastebasket from my interview:

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/story/news/crime/2015/07/24/analysis-grand-shooting-change-thing/30642557/>

Then there is this piece that I was not involved in but I wanted to include here: <http://madworldnews.com/lafayette-shooter-gun-legally/>

Speedy Mercer 

New Orleans Home Defense Meeting

There is a Home Defense meeting this Tuesday, August 4th, at the Subway Shot, 2500 St Claude Avenue, at 7 PM in New Orleans.

We expect Bryan Lagarde, the founder of the Project Nola crime camera system to speak to us. You may know that Project Nola has placed many, many cameras around the city. Visit their website at ProjectNola.com.

We will also schedule another free firearm class at this meeting. I hope to see you there. <http://www.hdfnola.org/>

Mike 

Tell Jerry's Pawn Shop That LOCAL Sent You

Our friend Joe Boteler contacted us in early July asking for a resupply of LOCAL pamphlets for his business, Jerry's Pawn Shop. We gladly mailed him an envelope stuffed with some of the new, glossy, color tri-fold pamphlets recently donated by LOCAL Founding member Brannon LeBeouf. If you are in the Slidell area, please stop by and support a retailer who supports you. JERRY'S PAWN SHOP, 336 OLD SPANISH TRAIL, SLIDELL, LA 70458. 

Visit Our Table at Lamar Dixon in Gonzales

Once again LOCAL will have a gun show table at the Lamar Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales. We will be there on Saturday Aug 1 and Sunday Aug 2. LOCAL members and our friends are more than welcome to drop by and visit. If you need a stack of pamphlets we will have plenty available for you. Come by, tell us what you think of our organization and feel free to make a donation to continue to fund our efforts. 

No guns on post office property, says U.S. appeals court

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/26/usa-postoffice-guns-decision-idUSL1N0ZC2QF20150626>

Fri Jun 26, 2015 6:29 pm EDT

By Jonathan Stempel

A federal appeals court said a U.S. Postal Service regulation banning firearms on postal property is constitutional, and reversed a lower court ruling that would have let people keep weapons inside their vehicles in post office parking lots.

By a 2-1 vote on Friday, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver ruled against Tab Bonidy, a licensed gun owner who said the restrictions violated his Second Amendment right to bear arms.

Circuit Judge David Ebel said the right to carry firearms does not apply to federal buildings such as post offices, and that while it was a "closer question" he would not second-guess the Postal Service's extending the ban to its parking lots.

"The security of the postal building itself is integrally related to the security of the parking lot adjacent to it," Ebel wrote.

Bonidy, joined as a plaintiff by the National Association for Gun Rights, sued after learning he would be prosecuted if he carried a firearm into a post office in Avon, Colorado, near the Vail ski resort, or stored it in the post office parking lot while he went inside to pick up his mail.

"My clients are obviously disappointed, and we're weighing our options," said Steven Lechner, chief legal officer of the Mountain States Legal Foundation, which represented the plaintiffs.

The U.S. Department of Justice, which defended the regulation, was not immediately available for comment.

Friday's decision partially reversed a 2013 ruling by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch in Denver.

Circuit Judge Timothy Tymkovich dissented, saying he would have voided the regulation as applied to the parking lot.

The case is Bonidy et al v. U.S. Postal Service et al, 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 13-1374. 

Calcasieu sheriff: Louisiana has open carry law but there are some restrictions

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/29645549/sheriff-louisiana-has-open-carry-law-but-there-are-some-restrictions>

By Liz Koh

After the shooting in Lafayette, along with recent tragedies in Charleston and Chattanooga, some people are asking about gun control and gun ownership. So what are the gun laws in Louisiana?

"There are some restrictions, even though yes, technically, it's legal, there are a lot of restrictions in a lot of places," said Calcasieu Parish Sheriff Tony Mancuso.

Open carry is the law of the land in Louisiana but there's still restrictions when it comes to owning and carrying a gun.

"Even though you have the right to carry an open weapon gun, if the police decide to stop you and check your ID and make sure that you're not a convicted felon and legally possess that gun, they have the right to do that," he said. **Mancuso clarified his comment and said officers need a probable cause or reasonable suspicion to ask an individual for**

identification. Speedy: That applies to detaining you as well! No RAS (Reasonable Articulate Suspicion), no stop! A lawful act, such as Open Carry, does NOT constitute RAS!

Earl Gothreaux owns a firearm range in Lake Charles. He also sells firearms and teaches people how to properly use them. When it comes to actually openly carrying a weapon, he said it all comes down to being safe.

"I actually believe that if you're going to have open carry, you ought to go through a course and learn how to shoot and learn the safety of it," explained Gothreaux. "When I teach my courses, I teach safety first." **Speedy: LOCAL firmly believes in training for ANY kind of carry/gun owner!**

Other second amendment supporters said with the power of a gun in your hands, you also bear a lot of responsibility.

"There's a lot of responsibility with being a gun owner period. if you're choosing to own a gun you have got to be a responsible and safe gun owner in doing that. That's just an extension of being a gun owner, as far as open carrying," said Paul Glasco, a host of a cable television show on firearm-related topics called "Legally Armed American".

When it comes to where you can carry, firearms are not allowed in school zones or government buildings and individual businesses may have their own set of rules and restrictions.

"Anywhere that's a public facility that's owned by somebody else other than a government agency, you don't have the right necessarily to carry in their facility. If they call us and say, 'Hey this guy's got a gun; he's in our store; we want him out,' we're going to come tell you to leave because they have the right to not serve you if you choose to carry a gun," said Mancuso. **Speedy: There is an issue with that statement. If you haven't been asked to leave and the business isn't posted with a No Guns sign and is not a Prohibited Place, calling the cops is the wrong thing to do (unless the person calling is a pants wetting liberal afraid to ask you to leave) and until you are directed to leave by an employee or the police, you are NOT breaking any laws and should not be subject to any sort of arrest! The second they ask you to leave, LEAVE! Do NOT argue, LEAVE.**

When it comes to purchasing a firearm, a background check from the FBI is required. Anyone who sells firearms reserves the right to approve, deny or delay an applicant from purchasing a firearm. **Speedy: SO close. Anyone buying a gun from a Federally Licensed Firearm Dealer (FFL) is subject to an "instant" background check. Buying from an individual, if neither of you has an FFL, requires NO paperwork provided you are not a prohibited person.** 

Lafayette Theater Shooting Fuels More Debate over Guns

On July 23, 2015, a shooting occurred at the Grand 16 movie theater in Lafayette, La. John Russell Houser, age 59, opened fire during a showing of the film Train Wreck killing two people and injuring nine others before he committed suicide.

Though Houser had been denied a CHP in Georgia in 2006 due to an arrest for arson and a domestic violence complaint, he was still able to purchase a Hi-Point brand .40 cal pistol with two 10 round magazines from a pawn shop in Alabama.

The Grand 16 Theater forbids firearms and other weapons by policy. This "gun free zone" was where Houser sat for 20 minutes before standing up and opening fire. His victims had few options except for running away and, in at least one case, playing dead as a man with a history of mental illness emptied one magazine then reloaded and continued shooting. As so often happens in these mass murders, as soon as police responded, the killer turned the gun on himself.

Before the wounded had even been rushed to nearby hospitals we saw the

anti-gun forces show up to dance in the blood of the victims. Calls for "waiting periods", "background checks", closing the "gun show loophole" and bans on "hi-capacity clips" were shouted across the usual social and traditional media outlets.

Those on the pro-gun side fired back that "gun free zones" like the one at the theater create target rich places for the psychos to carry out their plans. Houser planned his attack for several days. He traveled to several locations and scouted out the best place for his crime. He used magazines which held only 10 rounds so he would not have been stopped by bans on "hi-cap mags". He purchased his gun from a dealer several years ago, so no gun show loophole or waiting period would have prevented him from using a firearm. Even with the background checks in place he was still able to get the gun after waiting 3 days for the ATF to do its job.

In the days after the shooting gun sales in south La jumped and applications for Conceal Handgun Permits saw a surge. Citizens had been reminded that evil people walk the same streets that they do and having the tools to fight back might be a good idea. Those of us who already carry firearms looked at this event and evaluated our training and gear. Are we practicing situational awareness? Are we going unarmed into these "gun free zones" with our family and friends? Or are we ignoring the signs and policies of these private businesses and carrying our firearms regardless of the rules? Are you carrying a firearm with sufficient amount of ammo to defend yourself in an active shooter scenario? Have you trained to deal with low light environments such as a movie theater? Does your daily carry gun have a laser or mounted light to make it easier to find your target in the dark? Do you carry a flashlight with you to help identify and target a threat?

While we mourn those killed and send our support to the wounded we must also think about what went wrong. We must look at our own skills and capabilities and determine what we could do if faced with a similar situation. Most importantly we must not allow the gun banners to use this crime to further erode our fundamental civil right to bear arms.

Stay Safe.

Speedy: I received a shout from a panicked Lafayette resident who apparently lives in a sketchy area whose landlord even advised him having a gun there was probably a "good idea" who heard "strange noises" outside his front door and grabbed his pistol with a mounted light to investigate. As soon as he opened the door he made out two people right outside. As his eyes hadn't yet adjusted to the low light, he used his gun mounted light to see who they were and saw that they were "friendlies" and apologized. Too bad, too little, too late. He had committed assault in the eyes of the law and the cops WERE call and he WAS arrested. The cops were amped from the theater shooting there that night and pissed at anyone but cops who had guns and this guy is paying the price.

Training Corner

After the shootings in Chattanooga, TN we saw a move by many lawmakers to allow National Guard recruiters and other soldiers to conceal carry on duty. LOCAL founding member and owner of the St Bernard Indoor Shooting Center and NOLATAC, Brannon LeBeouf announced "We will be offering free CHP seats to active duty recruiters who would like to get their LA concealed handgun permit or would simply like to become more knowledgeable on la use of force laws and better handgun handling skills. Contact us for details." <https://www.facebook.com/StBISC/events> It looks like this is needed because only a few days after the murders in TN a Navy recruiter shot himself in the leg with a pistol he was carrying in his pocket. If you are considering getting your CHP or looking for other training on pistols, rifles, women's self defense or even medical training, click on the events link above and find a date that fits your schedule. Brannon teaches first rate classes and you will not be disappointed.

In addition to his firearms classes, Brannon announced a new partnership with [Off-Leash K9, Nola](#). "The NEW St. Bernard Indoor Shooting Center will be the official location for this new venture in the greater New Orleans area. We have information in the range about the various packages we will be offering. There are 4 and 8 lesson packages, board and train packages, 'Tactical Packages', and personal protection packages that include firearms training as well as obedience and personal protection training for your dog. Check out their YouTube channel to see how phenomenal these pets turn out after as little as 2 weeks of training." https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzdiE4w7j_1_6g0x7Yc-ySQ

But that's not all. Brannon is going to be in Shreveport for a CHP class on August 8 and 9. But it's not your typical class. It's going to run for about a day and a half and the proceeds are going to support little Greyson Moore and his family after a tragic firearms related accident. Brannon is not going to be teaching this alone either. Some of Louisiana's top trainers are going to be there, all teaching in a class that will certainly be worth much more than the \$150 that it costs. Just look at this list of companies involved. The [NEW St. Bernard Indoor Shooting Center](#), [NOLATAC Firearms Training](#), [556 Tactical LLC](#), [HARD CORPS Tactical](#), [Estrada Tactical](#), [AXTS Weapons](#) and [CENLA Tactical Group](#). WOW!

From - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1614275205500166/>

Can you find cheaper priced courses? YES

Can you find closer courses? YES.

Can you find a more comprehensive course taught by a more knowledgeable and experienced group of individuals with 100% of the proceeds going to benefit a wonderfully loving, full of life, and firearm loving child?

NOT EVER!

GIVE MOORE
Greyson Moore Benefit Concealed Handgun Permit Course
with Child Firearms Safety Seminar - \$150.00
August 8 & 9, 2015
8:30am - 5:00pm

This event is to raise money for Greyson Moore, who was injured in an accident involving a firearm.

This event will consist of a 1.5 day Louisiana Concealed Handgun Permit course with an additional emphasis on child safety and access prevention.

The concealed handgun permit course meets all of the requirements to apply for a permit per the State of Louisiana and then some.

Day one will be all classroom material and day two will be spent on the shooting range.

STUDENTS MUST ATTEND 100% of the course to qualify for a certificate to get their permit.

This will be the most comprehensive and informative course you can take on this subject from a wide array of instructors

Contact: Russell Haynes to reserve your seat

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Trinity Heights
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Shreveport, Louisiana 71107-2306

Greyson is one of two sons of Steven and Ashley Moore. He was injured in a firearms related accident in the home. We want to utilize this tragic event and his remarkable recovery to highlight the issue of child firearm safety so that others can be better educated to help prevent these kinds of incidents.

Steven is a United States Army Veteran as well as a member of local law enforcement. Steven is well known in the community for doing classes EXACTLY LIKE THIS to benefit other families in need. The Moore's are a spiritual family and thank God for the recovery of their son. A family that has given so much to others could use our help.

Let's do the right thing.

This course, along with all the required information needed to apply for your CHP, will have an emphasis on child and unauthorized person access prevention and firearms safety.

The course is broken up into 2-days in order to ensure we properly cover the necessary material with what is hopefully going to be a very large group. Day 2 will be on the shooting range. We will begin at 9:00 AM and once you are done shooting your qualification, your class is over. Depending on when you shoot, that could be before lunch or shortly after.

(We are working on a sponsor to provide lunches to students free of charge)

We look forward to seeing you out there and to learn and support one of our own.

Many people and organizations are coming together to help make this happen. There will also be raffle tickets sold at the class for one of 3 really awesome AR-15 rifles. Again, all proceeds benefit the family.

The fact is, training is a good thing. All of us can benefit from having an instructor from one of the companies listed above stand next to us and go over the basics of handling firearms. We all could use a refresher on legal use of force and the ever changing laws and legal rulings we face. The "training" you may have gotten from an uncle, a hunter safety course, during your time serving in the military or from watching videos on the internet most likely hasn't properly prepared you for the realities of carrying a firearm and using it in self defense. Take a class. Learn the laws and carry safely and responsibly. 

Not All Trainers are Equal and the Good Ones Aren't Cheap.

So you have been looking for training and there seem to be lots of guys who are advertising classes for everything from "This Is A Gun And This is How You Use It" to something along the lines of "Gun Fighting In The Zombie Apocalypse." You see that the prices are pretty low on some and the Bio of the instructors is pretty sparse on background or experience. Other guys are charging more and reading their background information you wonder, is there any training or school this guy hasn't attended or taught at? Should you enroll in the bargain course or save your pennies and go for the high profile school?

While the low price option may look tempting, you are often better off spending the money with an instructor who has as much experience as possible. These gurus of gun handling often have the benefit of learning from others and can show you tricks and techniques that are useful and effective. As you look at various instructors you will often see that they are teaming up with other schools or teachers to offer different skills to their students. Also, you may find that the dates you want to schedule a class are not available because the guy you want to train with is getting training himself. Or you may attend a class and find out that several of your fellow students are also trainers from other companies.

For instance, Barret Kendrick of Bearco Training, <http://bearcotraining.com/>, not only travels around the country teaching others and working with top trainers like Rob Pincus. Barret also attends classes as a student and is

constantly improving his skills and getting certified in numerous disciplines. He brings that back to the classes he teaches in Covington.

The guys at VATA Group, <http://vatagroup.net/>, are high speed government contractors. When they aren't fighting pirates off the coast of Africa and doing other operator type things they pay other people to teach them the latest and greatest ways to stay alive. Then they come back to Louisiana and put that knowledge out to their students.

Recently Brannon LeBouef (NOLATAC), Pablo Estrada (Estrada Tactical) and a few others from La drove to Nebraska to take classes from the guys at 88 Tactical.



Shortly after returning to Louisiana, and following the theater shooting in Lafayette, Pablo responded to several people's questions explaining why he charges the amounts he does for classes and why he doesn't give cut rate classes like some instructors. Here is what he had to say....

"Good morning friends, I have received so many messages/questions in regards of Conceal Handgun Training that I feel obligated to write this. First off not all "Instructors" are made the same. While the State requirements to teach are minimal at best I am a firm believer that an Instructor should further develop his knowledge past the minimum standards. I was once there when I started, however I am committed to provide my clients the best available. At the time being, it's a very expensive passion. In fact, this year alone I have attended 6 courses as a student and have spent \$5000-6000 in travel, ammo, hotel, fuel, etc and have been doing this since 2009, so do the math. Is this required for a CHP Instructor? Not at all. However if I can't hold myself to the highest standard then how can I give you the best available? Besides I teach more than just CHP. This knowledge doesn't come cheap and doesn't come from watching videos. You however have the option to attend training with whoever you want. Some out there are offering FREE training. While free is good I refuse to compete with an "Instructor" (use the term loosely) who isn't on my level. I have built a career and a name out of this and I can

provide you with advanced training and tactics unlike this other guy who got a name tag from attending an 8 hour NRA class themselves. To date I have 32 attended courses as a student/instructor development since my company was started, and I have at least 4 more to attend before this year ends. The choice is yours but please stop asking me why I can't match somebody else's price. The answer is easy. They have \$500 invested in their "Instructor" career. They can offer free all day long and I won't compete with guys whose knowledge is minimal. Ask yourself the simple question, have they ever participated in a Court Ruling as an Expert Witness dealing with Firearms? If they answer no then how can they claim to be experts in the subject?"

When it comes to training to defend your life you get what you pay for. What price do you put on your life? 

Citations you should know

State v. Nelson, 367 So. 2d 317, 318 (La. 1979): The carrying of an unconcealed weapon is not a special privilege or advantage enjoyed by a police officer. Each citizen is guaranteed the right to keep and bear arms not concealed on his person. **LA.Const.1974, Art. 1, § 11; cf. La.R.S. 14:95**

http://www.legaleagle.com/decision/1979684367So2d317_1606.xml/STATE%20v.%20NELSON

In **State v. Chandler, 5 La. Ann. 489, 490 (1850)**, the Louisiana Supreme Court held that citizens had a right to carry arms openly: "This is the right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and which is calculated to incite men to a manly and noble defense of themselves, if necessary, and of their country, without any tendency to secret advantages and unmanly assassinations."

Houston v. Hill, 107 S. Ct. 2502, 2510 (U.S. 1987) "The freedom of individuals verbally to oppose or challenge police action without thereby risking arrest is one of the principal characteristics by which we distinguish a free nation from a police state."

Lyons v. City of Xenia, 258 F. Supp. 2d 761, 779 (S.D. Ohio 2003). "Citizens have a basic right to argue with the police, and it simply cannot be maintained that in a society devoted to the preservation of the freedom of expression and protest in public parks and streets and sidewalks, so long as the general peace is not disturbed."

State v. Snoddy, 389 So.2d 377 (La.1980); State v. Bowen, 376 So.2d 147 (La.1979). ...the public possession of an openly displayed handgun is not a crime in Louisiana and does not alone provide probable cause for an arrest.

<https://casetext.com/case/state-v-snoddy>

The appropriate law requiring compliance with an identification request is **CCRP 215.1. RS 14.108** criminalizes non-compliance.

<https://legis.la.gov/legis/Law.aspx?d=112364>

As far as having to produce an identification card... there is no law requiring one to get an id card... Maxim of law... you cannot be forced to produce that which is NOT required by law. Of course, if an officer observed you driving and then approaches you after you've parked and stepped from your car, he may demand your DL.

"Am I free to leave?" If the answer is "yes" **then do so without a word**. If the answer is "no" then you **are** being detained and **CCrP 215.1** applies.

RS 14:108 — Resisting an officer: Resisting an officer is the intentional interference with, opposition or resistance to, or obstruction of an individual acting in his official capacity and authorized by law to make a lawful arrest, lawful detention, or seizure of property or to serve any lawful process or court order when the offender knows or has reason to know that the person arresting, detaining, seizing property, or serving process is acting in his official capacity.

Much more on this here:

<http://law.justia.com/codes/louisiana/2006/146/78264.html>

TITLE 18 > PART I > CHAPTER 44 > § 930. Possession of firearms and dangerous weapons in Federal facilities

http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/18/uscode_sec_18_00000930----000-.html



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Please Join LOCAL Today

Since 2009 LOCAL has been informing the public about the right to Open Carry in Louisiana as well as advocating for more gun rights. We have done this with the generous help of our members and supporters. Their donations allow us to keep our website up. The gun show tables and pamphlets we pass out are paid for from the dues our members send in as well as additional donations. We are a small group but we want to be able to do more. We need members who can help us. If you are reading this newsletter and have not yet joined LOCAL please take a minute to go to: <http://www.laopencarry.org/> and click on the Join/Donate tab on the top line just under the State Flag. You can join online or print out a copy of the membership application and mail it in. Annual LOCAL memberships cost only \$10. Are you an NRA member yet? If not we have a better deal. Click the Join Here button on the NRA box on our webpage and sign up for a 1 year NRA membership for only \$25 and we will throw in a 1 year membership to LOCAL for free. Joining LOCAL won't put you on any unwanted mailing lists. You will only receive monthly newsletter announcements or other important email alerts (and there are very few) from us as they become necessary. 



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Membership Application Form

Mark one option below

New Membership- \$10 PER YEAR

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () - _____ CELL: () - _____

EMAIL: _____

LOCAL FORUM MEMBER? YES _____ NO _____

YOUR SCREEN NAME: _____

Dues can be submitted in person at our monthly club meeting or mailed to the above address.
Please make your checks or money orders payable to: **LA Open Carry Awareness League**