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Your How-To Guide to Getting a CCW in Kern County

Powers Firearms Training Corporation is a training company focusing upon Concealed Weapons Permit, defensive training with firearms and basic firearm familiarity courses.

Our website, www.kernccw.com is devoted to your quest to obtain a Concealed Weapons Permit. Information included in this article is aimed at getting the permit from the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Youngblood has a history of being fair and open as regards your requests for a permit to carry a concealed weapon and Powers Firearms Training Corporation is here to walk you through the process. Various local agencies such as the Bakersfield Police Department, Shafter Police Department and Taft Police Department can and do issue permits and may have their own conditions regarding issuing permits. The Sheriff in Kern County can issue you a permit regardless of where you live in Kern County.

The most common reasons the Kern County Sheriff's Department will deny or delay of CCW application include the following:

1. **Failure to list an arrest**-A failure to list an arrest on your application can be viewed as a lie of omission. Keep in mind, an "arrest" can also be a citation for a misdemeanor charge ie reckless driving, driving without a license, vandalism etc.
2. **Failure to include letter from employer authorizing applicant to carry at work**-When work is primary reason stated for "Good Cause", a letter from the employer must be included with application. This is clearly requested on instruction page of application. If you OWN the business include Business License or other proof of business ownership.
3. **Fail to list "Good Cause"**-Although the 9th Circuit deemed requiring "Good Cause" a violation of the 2nd Amendment, the case was primarily over how San Diego interpreted "Good Cause". The case is still being adjudicated. Until that case has completed its journey through the courts, the Kern County Sheriff's Office still requires a "Good Cause" statement. Do not cite "Self-Defense", "2nd Amendment", "Peruta V. San Diego" Etc for Good Cause. Describe...Self-defense from what? Why is your situation different than most others?

4. **Incomplete applications**- Clerks will review your application for completeness, but it is YOUR responsibility to fully complete application.

Step #1 – Get the Application

The first step is to obtain the application packet. But I thought I had to take the class first? No, you do not have to take the class first. In fact, as will be discussed elsewhere on this page, taking the class first does not help you get the permit and the certificate from class is only valid for 90 days. If you take the class first, and are delayed past the 90 days in submitting your application, you may have to retake the class. Our advice is for you to apply first. The application costs you nothing and the Sheriff's Department will notify you when you are approved to take the class. However, the Sheriff's office has recently indicated to us that you may turn in your application for the permit along with the certificate from class. However, remember it costs you nothing to submit the application. If you take the class and are denied the permit, you will be out the money for the class.

You can drive to your local substation in the outlying areas of Kern County or to the Norris road facility and ask for an application. However, if you wish, just click on this link, and you will be able to print the application in the comfort of your own home or office:

[Click on the link below for the Kern County Sheriff's Application](#)

[CCW Application 2016-2017.pdf](#)

Also, you need to read the Kern County Sheriff's Department Policy so check it out at the following link:

https://powersfirearmstraining.com/KC-Sheriff_CCW_Policy.pdf

Step #2 – Fill out the application

Read pages 1-2 and do it carefully.

Beginning with Page 3 and write neatly or type the application. Be truthful, the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth is what is important as you begin to fill out the application.

Section 2

Beginning with number 1 and proceeding through. Answer all questions with a brief and concise answer. Do not leave anything out, ever. No detail is too small. If you need additional space to explain a detailed problem, do a type written attachment, or at least in very easy to read handwriting. When you get to question number 8, be sure to pull a DMV printout if you have any questions. You want to include each and every one of the traffic violations, no matter how small. This would include only moving violations.

Section 3

List the handguns that you wish to put on the permit. The Sheriff will allow you to put 10 handguns on your permit. The specifics of the weapons may change and you can add or delete the weapon at the actual time the permit is issued or at a later time. Please be considerate of the staff as regards adding and deleting weapons. There is a certain amount of paperwork they must do when they add or delete a gun from you permit and the Sheriff charges a very nominal fee. Please do not be that person who changes the guns on his/her permit five times in a calendar year. Once or twice during the two year permit process is reasonable, perhaps more often if there is a change of circumstances, but try not to be excessive about this.

Sections 4 through 6

Please read this section carefully. While you will learn much of this in the class you will take, you are signing this form understanding that you will be held accountable for the contents of the form and the Sheriff is NOT making a joke when they have you sign the restrictions on the permit. This is serious!

Section 7

Proceed with Section 7 and once again, the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Numbers 1 through 5 are self explanatory. Number 6 is very important. List any and ALL arrests even if there were no charges filed. This would include things such as things as a “detox only” arrest when you were 22 years old and were having a few too many beers during Mardi Gras in New Orleans, and yes this might just show up on you background check.

Now you must articulate the Good Cause Statement

In order for you to be issued a concealed weapons permit, you must present the Sheriff with “good cause” to issue you a permit. California law, Penal Code Section 12050 states that a permit to carry a concealed weapon (“CCW”) may be issued to an applicant by the sheriff of the county or police chief or head of a municipal police department of the city in which the applicant lives. Or, in cases of employment or business in a different county, the sheriff of the different county may issue a temporary 90 day permit that is valid only in that county. An applicant must have “good cause”, be of “good moral character”, and undergo specific training

One definition of what constitutes a “good cause” was written by California Attorney General Evelle J. Younger, in August 23, 1977:

OPINION NO. CR. 77/30 I.L. 'the issuing authority must determine whether the threat to the applicant (or other causal situation) is as real as the applicant asserts (e.g., is there a clear and present danger to the applicant, his spouse, his family or his employees)? Finally, if the danger is manifest, the authority should determine whether that danger cannot be significantly alleviated by alternative means of security and whether in fact can be lawfully mitigated by the applicant's obtaining a concealed weapon license.'

Ok, so what does this mean to me?

Well, it means it is very unlikely the Sheriff will issue you a permit based upon your 2nd amendment rights. Get over it. He will only issue it based upon his belief that you have “good cause”. We live in California and we have to deal with what is the law, not what we wish was the law. While there are some recent case law decisions which assist us in this matter and another case was recently filed that will hopefully clarify this matter, we are dealing with what is law and procedure on this day and in this time. Fortunately Sheriff Youngblood, and his predecessors, have a generous interpretation of what constitutes “good cause”. So let’s start by giving Sheriff Youngblood a break here, and let’s give him a good, “good cause” statement so that he can issue you a concealed weapons permit. I can’t write this for you, only you can articulate your good cause. So, do yourself a favor and put forward your best possible good cause statement, even if it appears that the Sheriff might accept something less.

Some basic ground rules about writing your good cause statement:

- Don’t Lie – **ever** – anywhere on the application
- Do NOT copy someone else’s good cause statement. This is YOUR statement and it needs to come from you, from your life, your experience, your circumstance and in your words.
- Do not ask for your 2nd amendment rights – as discussed above, the Sheriff can only issue you the permit if you articulate a “good cause”. Nothing in the law allows the Sheriff to issue you a permit based upon your constitutional rights. Remember that the Heller case was decided upon based upon keeping a weapon in your home and you are asking for a concealed carry permit.
- Do not say that you want the permit because the local cops don’t come to your call in a timely manner. This may in fact be true, but we don’t need to make this point to a Sheriff who is severely strapped for public funds and has many fewer deputies to put on the street than he would like. Feel free to say something about response times being extended if you live, work or travel in a remote area of the county. But if you live in a metropolitan area, you are advised to avoid this topic.
- Do not overplay that you have permits in other states, such as Arizona, Utah and Florida. These out of state permits are valuable to you and we encourage those who travel outside of California to take a good look at the Utah permit, but the topic is not germane to your “good cause”. Many people feel this only hurts your good cause statement and may give the impression that you are a “junior ninja/Rambo” type. If you travel frequently out of state to check on your out of state property or do business in other states, it doesn’t hurt to mention you have an out of state permit but you are advised to not over emphasize it as you may not want to give the impression that you are a CCW collector instead of a sincere individual who needs the permit as you are at risk. The application demands you list the permits. Do so as requested. But we suggest this not be part of your “good cause” as explained above.
- Don’t Lie – **ever** – I already said that but it is worth saying again – **DON’T LIE - EVER!**
- Have a friend who will be honest with you, read and ask you questions about the good cause statement. Have them help you correct your spelling and grammar. Feel free to

email us a copy and we will ask questions and make suggestions, however we cannot write this for you. Only you can articulate this.

Ok, so what kinds of things should I include in writing my good cause statement?

Well, the first thing you need to do is to sit down at the old computer or with a pencil and pad and begin to jot down some notes. Think about the circumstances in your life that would cause you to be at risk of being attacked and sustaining great bodily injury or death. These need to be unavoidable things, not avoidable circumstances.

What do you mean avoidable circumstances?

Well, for instance, if you think it is too dangerous for you to go for walks in your neighborhood and you want a permit to go for walks, the answer to that is to not go for walks in your neighborhood.

But what if you do not possess a driver's license, have a heart condition, the doctor has directed you to walk for your health and you live in a high crime neighborhood? Well, let us take another look at the Attorney General's letter for a second?

"...the authority should determine whether that danger cannot be significantly alleviated by alternative means of security and whether in fact can be lawfully mitigated by the applicant's obtaining a concealed weapon license."

So in the above scenario, where you must exercise, cannot drive from the neighborhood, must walk to the bus stop and live in a high crime neighborhood, the Sheriff could possibly issue you a permit as the "danger cannot be significantly alleviated by alternative means..". What we need to do is articulate how the danger cannot be alleviated.

We believe that the applicant needs to think about these unavoidable things and so we have some questions for you to ask yourself:

Do you have a physical disability or condition which would make it difficult for you to run away from an attack, would place in you grave danger if you were struck in an attack, or otherwise limits your mobility and ability to avoid trouble?

Do you have a physical condition which would make you more susceptible to death or great bodily injury if physically assaulted?

Do you live in a remote area of the county?

Do you have to travel for medical treatment?

Do you work outside of the county or in remote areas of the county?

Do you hire and fire employees? Are you concerned an ex-employee will target you outside of the work environment? Do you have a restraining order against an ex-employee or co-worker?

Do you carry tools in the course and scope of your employment? Are you concerned an opportunistic thief will target you to steal from you or attack you in an effort to steal your expensive tools?

Do you carry expensive equipment in the course and scope of your employment? Are you concerned an opportunistic thief will target you to steal from you or attack you in an effort to steal your expensive equipment?

Do you run a small “side” business where you carry equipment or tools and have a concern an opportunistic thief will target you to steal from you or attack you in an effort to steal your expensive equipment or cash?

Are you the owner or responsible employee of a business, responsible for making deposits, withdraws, responding to alarm calls, opening and closing the business, hiring and firing employees? Are you concerned you may be the target of a thief or robber while going about the activities of your business?

As a business owner, are you a contractor doing business in high crime areas? Do you travel to remote locations to conduct your business? Do you work odd hours, before daylight and after darkness? Are you concerned someone will attack you in an effort to steal your tools, cash or supplies?

Have you been threatened?

Do you have a restraining order designed to keep someone away from you?

Are you an Attorney or do you have some sort of business or employment where the clients or customers can be very unhappy with your performance, so unhappy that they might want to cause you harm? For instance, do you make financial decisions which can determine whether or not someone stays in their home or loses their property?

Are you an “inspector”, real estate personage or appraiser who visits abandoned or foreclosed homes and often confronts “squatters” or others in homes?

Do you make decisions which might deny someone government benefits to which they may feel entitled?

Do you own property, collect rents, inspect property or monitor vacant properties? Perhaps you are in charge of keeping a property up while it is in foreclosure?

Do you own foreclosed properties and have had trouble with the former owners?

Are you in real estate where you show properties and are at risk of meeting a violent person while you are alone and showing properties?

Are you a mental health professional who works with, well, crazy people? Or perhaps you have counseled someone who is in the midst of a divorce or separation and are afraid someone will blame you for their divorce/ separation or personal problems or perhaps

that a mentally unstable person will seek you out and harm you as the result of your clinical practice.

Are you a medical, dental or veterinary professional who might fear addicts who want the drugs you carry or the prescription pad you carry? Do you fear an opportunistic addict will attack you in a fit of drug induced rage in order to obtain the drugs they believe they need?

Do you carry valuables or large sums of money? Not that you carry the money as an excuse to shoot someone who is robbing you, but that you fear in the midst of a robbery some felon may use the moment to eliminate all witnesses? Do you fear preemptive death or great bodily injury from an armed thief even though you would normally comply and surrender all in exchange for escaping harm?

Do you have a small business where you deal with hobby items, guns, collectables and transport those valuable items around the State in the pursuit of your small business? But it is just a hobby some say. Yes, perhaps, but if it is something you do for a profit, it becomes a small business. So if you have filed a tax return on your small hobby business or have a license to operate as a business perhaps it is a business? But remember, never lie.

Do you travel in rough neighborhoods? If so why? If it is to care for a relative or friend or because of your employment, you need to articulate why you fear death or great bodily injury if you are accosted.

Probably the most common good cause statements include frequenting the back-country: Do you: hunt; fish; hike; camp; trail ride; collect wild mushrooms, naked, at night, in high mountain meadows, on north facing slopes, by horseback, but only in the light of the full moon? (I'm kidding here.. unless you do.. then I'm not kidding) If you "frequent the back country" (which is not Hart Park) then that sort of activity is very likely good cause to issue a permit to carry a firearm.

The above questions are only some of the questions you can ask yourself. Make a full assessment of your situation, articulate it the best you can. Now our suggestion is to break down the areas where you feel at risk into separate paragraphs and include all of the reasons you believe you are at risk. There might be 1,000 reasons and you would need that many paragraphs. Have someone read it for you. Make sure the spelling and the grammar are correct. You want it to look really clean and professional. Remember you will have to substantiate any and all statements you made in your written statement.

If you put down an employment related reason, and you will be carrying while working, you will need a letter from your employer noting that they know that you are getting a permit and have no problems with you carrying while you are working.

Sample Good Cause Statements:

Please see the following sample "good cause" statements from real folks who have used their statements to obtain permits. They are not perfect, but they are perfect for the people who wrote them? What they tell is the author's stories, of what they do and how they are placed at risk.

DO NOT COPY THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. Please feel free to use these samples as a sort of “template”. An example of the sorts of things you might want to say about you, so long as what you say about you is true. The personal details of these individuals who wrote these statements have been obfuscated.

Sample Good Cause Statement #1

My husband and I own a *****company. Our office is located off ***** ave. and *** rd. This is not the best area and has significantly grown worse. It is my responsibility to do all the hiring and termination of employees. I am often alone with individuals looking for a job. I never know what kind of background these people have or what their intent may be for coming into the office. I recently encountered a situation where an individual was high on some sort of drugs. Luckily, the office was locked and there happened to be someone else around to scare him off. But, now I have a great fear of someone not being around as I am often at the office by myself. I fear the sheriff’s department may not be able to respond in time and I’m at great risk of someone willing to cause bodily harm.

I also, have the responsibility of terminating and laying off individuals, when there is a lack of work. There has been a lot of time individuals get very angry and upset with me. I have a fear one of these individuals will be just looking for a perfect opportunity to get their revenge on me by attacking me, such as when I am alone at the office or while I’m out and about running errands. I have two young children who are often with me at the office, before and after school. If I happen to be at the office at a time with my small children I would not be able to flee with them. They would slow me down. I want to know that I have a means of protecting myself as well as them.

I also have the responsibility to make all deposits, sometimes with large sums of cash. People asking for money have approached me. On one occasion a man came up behind me and tried to push his way into my car as I was trying to buckle up my young son. He asked for money, so I gave him some in fear of what he would do if I didn’t. When he turned around, I quickly jumped in my car and left the area. But, not all situations will result like this. Again, I want to know I have the ability to protect myself and my family.

Individuals and previous employees could be watching my comings and goings and be just lying in wait for the right time to steal from me. I’m a small woman and I may look like I’m an easy target. I also have to keep several hundreds of dollars in cash on hand for incidentals that arise. We have large equipment that often needs parts, maintenance, and fuel at locations that do not accept the credit card we have. So I have to keep cash on hand for these occasions. With the downturn of the economy, I feel I am now at great risk for theft. I am in fear of the person that is high on drugs and does not want to leave any witnesses around to testify against them.

Our family also enjoys being outdoors, especially in great weather. We love to hike and camp. Our favorite spots are way up in Big Pine, and Onion Valley. We also frequent desert areas such as Dove Springs. These areas are very remote and leave us with no cell service. We are often about 30 minutes from the nearest town, which is why it appeals so much to us. But we have on many occasions seen coyotes and bears. I know that we can have a loaded gun at our camp but what about if we are away from our camp. One time, we accidentally locked ourselves out of our vehicle. My husband had to go for help as I stayed behind with our two children.

With the increase of crime, I'm afraid of stumbling into people I do not know. I am afraid that we could stumble onto drug making places, as they are common in the desert areas. What if I encountered a person making drugs or a drug deal going on? I do not know what other people are doing out there, or what business they have for being there. I'm afraid that I look like an easy target, being a small woman with two young children.

It is for these reasons I want to know that I have the protection to protect my family and myself.

Sample Good Cause Statement #2

I work as a hairstylist at XYZ Spa and Salon at the XYZ location. I am self-employed and rent a hair station at XYZ. This is a very high end salon and during the day the XYZ location is a very nice place to work. It's the night time element that worries me and makes me fear for my safety. I work the weekends and I work late, sometimes I'm the last person to leave the salon so I have to set the alarm and go out the back door walking down a dark alley behind the XYZ location to get to my car that is parked in the back parking lot. I have heard of car stealing from this back parking lot. One woman I heard was taken and raped. I need to be able to protect myself walking back there to my car. We as employees and self-employed workers are forced to park in the back lot so the customers of the XYZ location can have the front lot. On the weekend nights the XYZ location becomes a hangout for teenagers and twenty-somethings without a care in the world. I have often walked out to my car alone to find several adult males loitering near my car usually drinking alcohol and possibly on or doing drugs it makes me especially nervous because I am carrying large amounts of cash and checks from working the whole day. I will have anywhere from \$500 to about \$1500 on me when I leave the salon at night. What if those males tried to attack me and rob me or take me and/ or my car? Because I am self-employed I am responsible for my own safety. I need to be able to protect myself I have two sons I need to be here for and one of them is still very small and he needs me.

Whenever I'm not at work I always have my smallest son with me. One night I pulled into a gas station downtown and I was alone with my little son. When I got out of my car and started pumping my gas I was approached by a homeless man who seemed like he was on drugs or intoxicated in some way. He asked me for money and when I told him I had none to give him he became very angry and started screaming at me calling me names. Another car thankfully drove into the gas station at that time and he tried to get money from them instead. It gave me the chance to take the gas pump off and get into my car and drive away with my son. We weren't harmed but I'm not so sure the homeless man wouldn't have tried to hurt me had the other car not driven up. What would have happened to my son if I wasn't able to defend us if I had been physically attacked. I am frequently approached by vagrants when I am out alone with my children. I fear that one of them may be so desperate and try to hurt me and take what I have ie. Money, my car, or even myself and my children. I need to be sure that I am able to defend myself and my children if one of them should ever feel they have nothing to lose by attacking and robbing a mother alone with her children.

I like to take trips out of town sometimes just me and my sons. One time I took one of my sons to Disneyland. It was late at night when we were driving home and I took a wrong turn and ended up lost off the freeway. My car had no navigation system in it and I didn't have my cell phone with me. I was forced to pull over in a very dangerous area. I didn't know it until when I

tried to ask someone for help she told me to stay in my car and keep the doors locked and don't even roll down my window because there was a lot of crime in the area. I was becoming very scared and still very lost driving around in circles, I was forced to ask someone else for help and he told me I was in a very bad area and might not make it out with my life if the wrong person saw a vulnerable mother alone with her child. It would still be scary to be lost and alone with my kids in a bad area but at least if I knew I had the tools to defend myself and my boys I would know I had a chance if we were attacked.

I have a side business as a jewelry designer. I do not have a storefront, however I do sell my jewelry to other shops and boutiques, and have a small online business as well. My jewelry business is just a little business right now but I'm working hard and giving everything I can afford into my jewelry line so that someday this business can support my family. When I sell to these other shops and boutiques I have to carry cases of jewelry and precious stones for the owners of the shops to choose from. These cases contain jewelry and stones that can be worth as much as \$5000 to \$7000. A lot these shops are located downtown where there are always homeless people loitering around the shops coming up to me asking for money. I'm afraid that one of them might try to steal my cases of jewelry and the money the store has just paid me out of desperation. I also travel out of town alone to do showcases for my jewelry. These are usually at night and I'm always alone with large amounts of cash and checks from what I have sold throughout the show and whatever jewelry and stones I have left over from the show as well. I usually make at least \$1000 and sometimes as much as \$5000 in cash and checks. I never really know what the areas are like because I am not from there but they are usually at the coast somewhere. I have done shows in Ventura, Huntington Beach, Riverside, and Camarillo. There are usually a lot of homeless in these areas coming up to me and asking me for money. People are desperate with more and more people losing their jobs and homes. I need to be able to protect myself in case one of them is desperate enough to hurt me in order to take my money and my jewelry. While I am traveling to and from these shows I have to drive alone through the mountains. My cell phone service is often off and on though those parts and I always have to stop for gas or food at some point. If someone were to try to hurt me or rob me during one of these stops I am afraid that there could be delayed response times from the local police due to the nature of the area.

Often during the spring I like to take my boys to the sierras at mammoth lakes to go camping and fishing. We are there for a week and we backpack in where there is no cell phone service at all. I have often seen mountain lions there but last time we were there we saw a bear while we were away from our campsite. My youngest son is only five years old and if we had to try to run away out there he would slow me down, I would have to carry him because he is still small and not very fast. I don't know what I would do if we encountered a bear or other animal that could hurt us, or even a person who would want to hurt us way out there with no cell phone service of any kind to call for help while I was alone out there with my boys.

Sample Good Cause Statement #3

I am a part-time photographer in addition to being a full-time teacher. As a photographer I am in possession of a fair amount of expensive equipment when I am out taking photographs. I take all types of photography but it includes outdoor landscape and portrait photography. Many

times I am required to be out late at night returning from a photo session. Especially when down town or in remote locations I am in a fairly vulnerable position and worried about someone stealing my gear because I am carrying over \$10,000 in photo equipment. I have been approached on a few occasions but have been able to remove myself from the situation and avoid any altercation or incident but it has left me feeling very apprehensive when in these situations. My photography will also lead me to remote locations in the wilderness to take landscape photographs and while in possession of well over \$10,000 in equipment and out of cell phone range leaves me worried about theft and concerned for my safety.

I also do a lot of camping and backpacking in the back country in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Much of this is tied in with my photography but I also take my young xxx and wife with me and we have had occasion to come across individuals that left us feeling concerned for our safety. In addition while hiking we have come across marijuana grows and evidence of them (pipes in the middle of nowhere). Thankfully we have not had any altercations but especially when we have the children with us we are especially afraid for our wellbeing.

Sample Good Cause Statement #4

My husband and I own a horse boarding and training facility in Kern County that I am the primary operator of; I am also a professional *****. Both of these occupations coming responsibilities that I feel put me at risk as a target for potential harm at the hands of criminals.

The boarding facility requires me to be at the ranch at any hour of day and night, whether it is to receive a new horse to the facility, deal with a boarder problem, care for a sick or injured horse or any other of the many responsibilities that come with a business of this type. I also take care of all of the financial duties of the ranch, receiving payments (often in cash), deposits and settling of any debts that the ranch incurs. Dealing with contractors, laborers and all service providers is also in my scope of duties. The horse training I do has me at the ranch alone in the early morning and late evenings regularly as this is the only time available that does not interfere with our boarders' use of the facility. On more than one occasion, I have been at the ranch alone working a client's horse or one of my own only to have a suspicious looking male (or two) stop in front of my arena and watch me. Over the years several instances have occurred that have made me feel uncomfortable enough that I've retreated to the barn located further in the property and called my husband or a friend as a precaution. I fully realize that some people love to watch horses as much as I do so I am always welcoming to families and children that stop with an interest, but it's the middle aged men either alone or in twos that stop and glare or make inappropriate comments that worry me. I am comfortable and confident that our rural community is one of the best but I am also well aware that bad things can happen to good people at any given time or place. There have been instance of crime in the community around our ranch such as property theft, vehicle theft, vandalism, trespassing and assaults. I would like to be able to protect myself to the fullest of my ability if I came into contact with one or more individuals committing these crimes that would not want to leave a witness or possibly even be targeting me for harm.

***** takes me to all ends of the state, usually in and through less than desirable areas for a woman to be traveling alone. Rodeo grounds, state fairs and rural arenas are the common spots to compete. We are fortunate to have nice equipment in the way of newer trucks, living quarters trailers, top of the line horse tack, accessories and some really nice horses. I often deliver or pick up horses for training at these events with cash being the most common form of payment. I fear that this shiny 60' combination going down the road with a woman often traveling alone could be an incentive for someone to do me harm for their personal gain. There has been more than one occasion where I have been broke down on the side of the road and been very concerned for my safety because of the area I was in and the attention I was drawing simply from having my rig in this neighborhood. I would give up all of these material items willingly but fear that may not be enough for some and the result could mean bodily injury or death to me.

My husband and I enjoy Jeeping and four wheeling in the remotest parts of the state, Monache, Sherman, Shaver, Greenhorn, and the desert are just a few. I also on occasion take clients and or their horses in the back country for training excursions. Predators are common in these areas from bears to coyotes to mountain lions and all pose a risk to livestock and people. The other growing concern is people hiding in the back country, whether it be just to get away from society or concealing a drug or other illegal operation. What if I'm separated from others out on the trail due to a mechanical failure or lame horse?

In ***** of this year I underwent total knee replacement surgery for my right knee and in ***** I had back surgery. My ability to physically defend myself or quickly retreat have been greatly diminished. Needless to say I'm not as agile or will I ever be as I once was. I'm fast on a horse but on my feet I'm slow....very slow.

It is for the personal protection reasons listed above that I am requesting a CCW permit.

Please feel free to email us with your good cause statement. We can't write it for you, you have to do that, but we can ask you further questions which can help you write it out.

Email: craig@kernccw.com

Step #3 – put together all of your documentation, turn in your application and wait for the approval letter.

Many people believe they should do the class before turning in the application. You need to know that the certificate for your class is only good for 90 days from the date of issue. If you take longer than 90 days to turn in your application, you will need to take the class again. Also, taking the class has nothing to do with your "good cause". Taking the class will not help you get the permit or make the Sheriff happy with you in any way. The Sheriff's Department has told us they want you to apply first. It costs you nothing to apply, so apply and then take the class.

The wait to hear from the sheriff will typically take about five weeks or as long as three or four times that amount of time. If it takes longer, do not call and pester the Sergeant or the ladies who run the office. The wait to review your good cause will depend upon how

many people have applications in and how many staff they have available to assist in reviewing the application.

Step #4 – Take your Concealed Carry Weapons class

Woohoo! You have received your letter approving the permit. After you do the little dance around the mailbox, you have to make the decision about who to take the class from. We have offered the above procedural information because we believe you should be able to put your best foot forward in getting your permit. While we would love to have you take the class from us, we want you to do what works best for you. We offer classes at 5 Dogs range here in Bakersfield, along with classes in rural areas and the Eastern Sierra. We have a weekday and weekend schedule.

Please follow this link to our other website and our schedule of classes.

<https://powersfirearmstraining.com/>

What you should know about the initial class.

- State law allows the class to be a maximum of 16 hours or a 24 hour PC 832 course at a local college may be substituted in some counties; however, The Kern County Sheriff allows the class to be a “one day” class. This generally means the class lasts about 8 hours. Sometimes the classes are broken up into two or three evenings depending upon the venue.
- You will need to shoot a firearm for the class. The Sheriff allows you to have three firearms on your permit. You need to shoot only one firearm for the class. While we recommend you shoot one of the guns that will be on your permit, there is no current mandate that requires you to shoot one of the guns that will be on your permit. The gun you shoot does not need to be registered to you as long as you are legally in possession of it. The capacity of the magazines you use in class is not an issue. We suggest you bring at least two magazines for a semi-automatic firearm. You will need a nominal 100 rounds for class and this can be any ammo of your choosing, it need not be “green” ammo.
- There is no legal requirement for the firearm you use to be on the State list. However, certain agencies currently require you to carry only guns that are on the “list”.
- Powers Firearms Training Corporation takes the view that the training class is to train you to shoot. While you have to have a minimum score to “qualify”, we see it as our responsibility to train you and assist you in your shooting. If you don’t qualify on your first try, you will be given additional opportunities to qualify. This is not something to be nervous about unless you have some reason to be nervous ie: you have not shot in a number of years; you are an absolute novice; you have a recently acquired disability. So if there is a reason to be nervous, tell us what that is and we will work with you to work around the problem. Just remember, you have to shoot so you might as well have some fun and enjoy the experience.

- These courses cover subjects which include the legal, moral and ethical issues regarding the use of a firearm for self defense, range qualification, and firearms safety.

Step #5 – Turn in your certificate from class, get the fingerprints done and pay your fees.

This is the final step in acquiring your permit. As long as nothing turns up on your California Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation record check which would prohibit you from obtaining the permit, the sheriff will complete the process and notify you within a few months to come into the office and pick up your permit!

Step#6 – Renewal

There is a step 6? But I have my permit? Yes, you have a permit that is valid for 2 years. The Kern County Sheriff will allow you to take your class to renew your permit within a 60 day window before your permit expires. You may renew your permit within the 30 day window prior to the expiration date. The renewal class is an update on the law, the moral and legal aspects of firearms use in self defense, a qualification course with the firearm and a general firearms safety brief. The State of California has made this renewal class a law. This is not optional. The Sheriff cannot renew your permit until you have completed a minimum of four hours of update training. **This class cannot, as a function of law, be less than four hours of instruction.**

We believe each citizen must take responsibility for their own safety in a way that citizen feels best. This is an individual responsibility and an individual decision. Not every person should try to obtain a permit. If you feel the obligation to do so however, we are here to help you in any way we can. We offer individual and group instruction, please contact us with your inquiries.

As always, it is an honor to have the opportunity to earn your business.

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