



Utah Concealed Firearms Instructor Newsletter

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NEW Firearms Related Laws

S.B. 78

Makes it legal for people to have firearms stored in their locked vehicle parked on private property.

H.B. 357

Allows a law-abiding citizen to choose how they carry a handgun for self-defense (open, concealed, unloaded or loaded) in a vehicle without the need to obtain a permit.

PLEASE take time to research the two new laws along with any exceptions or clauses that are attached to each law. To access the information, go to the Utah Legislatures web page: <http://le.utah.gov/>

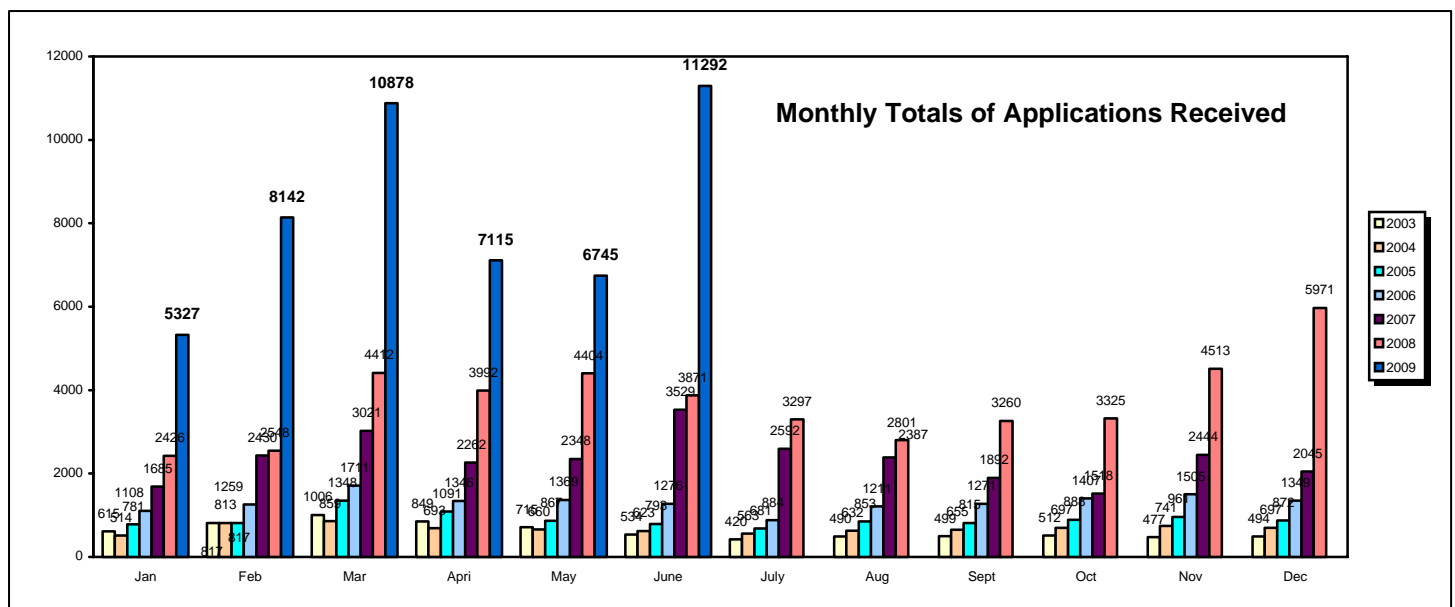
Total Valid Permits
 (As of July 21, 2009)

182,811

Application Processing Time Frame

Please inform your students not to call BCI as to check the status of their pending application. If your student has not received his or her permit after 90 days has passed or received any correspondence from BCI, then have your student contact BCI to locate the problem. Over the past few months BCI has received more applications then ever before. To meet the demand, in May 2009 BCI hired six additional employees to help process permits, etc.

Most applicants pay using a credit card or by check. Currently the date of their cancelled check or credit on their credit card indicates what day BCI received the permit application. Applicants need to reference that date as the start of the processing time, not the date the application was mailed.



Mandatory Training Curriculum

BCI Website

BCI recommends all instructors familiarize themselves with BCI's website www.bci.utah.gov

Changes have been made to the training curriculum in which every instructor must adhere to at a minimum. In the past, instructors were allowed to provide any type of hand out's, if any, to each student that attended his or her Utah CFP class. As the date of this newsletter, all instructors **SHALL** provide each student with a copy of the minimum training curriculum as outlined by BCI. Reason being, uniformity and also insures each student receives all the required information. To access the current MTC, go to BCI's website: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/bci/documents/TRANGUIDELINES.pdf>

REMINDER

Only those instructors who are certified with BCI can teach or assist with teaching the Utah concealed firearm permit classes. **Exception:** If you choose to incorporate range time. For safety reasons, you can use other trained personnel to act as range safety officers.

U.C.A. 53-5-704 (9) A certified concealed firearms instructor shall provide each of the instructor's students with the required course of instruction outline approved by the division.

All instructors need to sign the new notarization statement and return it to BCI. The new notarization statement with a revision date will replace the outdated one in your file.

Instructors are allowed to expound on or create their own addendum to the curriculum, so long as it is approved by BCI.

Teaching Additional Firearms Related Courses/Rubber-Stamping

It's come to our attention that there are instructors teaching Utah concealed firearms permit courses in conjunction with other states concealed firearm permits and/or other firearms related courses. This practice creates a lot of questions, confusion and uncertainty among concealed permit applicants. The Utah concealed firearm permit classes you teach should be taught in its entirety. This prevents intermixing different philosophies and variations from different state's laws, etc.

BCI has recently suspended or revoked several instructors for "rubber stamping" applications. Meaning, an instructor taught a state concealed firearm permit course other than Utah. Upon completion, the instructor would also stamp a Utah CFP application for an additional fee.

BCI Instructor Training Dates 2010

January 23 * February 20 * March 13 * April 17 * May 15 * June 12 * July (not scheduled)
August 14 * September 11 * October 9 * November 13 * December (not scheduled)

Renewals

Instructors who are set to expire need to schedule a BCI renewal course several months in advance. Reason being, the increase of interest has classes filled months in advance. No walk-ins the day of the scheduled course will be accepted. To register, contact Laura at (801) 957-8620.

It is your responsibility to maintain your secondary certification. The system automatically suspends those instructors who let their secondary certifications lapse (or fail to supply BCI with the updated documentation). Secondary certification meaning: Utah P.O.S.T. certified firearms instructor or NRA certified instructor.

Application Time Frames, etc.

Instructor and permit applications are allowed to be turned in up to **one year** from the date the training was received. It's imperative you write the date the class was taken on permit applications.

Foreign Born Applicants

Applicants born outside the United States must supply BCI with a copy of their birth certificate, a copy of his or her permanent resident card or naturalization certificate. Passports are not an acceptable form to denote citizenship.

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Laura, the BCI Instructor Program Coordinator at (801) 957-8620 or a member of the firearm section at (801) 965-4445.