

KC's Firing Range
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Dan

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As you know, I participated in, and successfully completed your CCW course in November 2006. You are also aware that, prior to the course, I hesitated for several months due to my concerns about the CCW laws in effect at that time in Ohio. Of special note were the responsibilities & liabilities associated with having the CCW permit.

As a result of completing your CCW course, and in turn, discussing the CCW curriculum with others who had their training with other instructors, I believe that I (and others who have participated in your classes) are significantly better informed and prepared should a situation call for use of one's firearm.

Your course content extends beyond the "textbook" variety – that of going page by page over Ohio's Concealed Carry Law booklet. You delve into the mindset of one who has been forced to use deadly force and the effect upon one's psyche. You mentally prepare your students for situations where they could be forced to use their firearm. You specifically, and in detail, review the liability – both criminal and civil - one could be faced with should they decide to use their firearm. I have not heard of this approach being used in any other CCW course.

Additionally, I personally know individuals who took the CCW course from other instructors who "made them a deal". Yes, your course may be a bit higher than some, but I believe the value is also greater to the student. In some of these "bargain" classes, the students even shared firearms. Your thoroughness in explaining the type of firearm(s) that should be used & why, physically examining the students firearms, discussing safety & handling, maintenance & care (of both the firearm and ammunition) far exceeds that of other classes.

The fact that you have testified in court on behalf of one of your former students (and who was exonerated) speaks volumes about the preparation and support you provide to those who take your class. I have and will continue to strongly recommend your CCW course to friends and acquaintances. I would be happy to provide a favorable reference for your training course, and you personally, to anyone, at any time.

Sincerely

Steve

Steven D. Smith
Akron, Ohio

