

# CONCEALED WEAPON COURSE

- I. INSTRUCTOR - James D. “Mitch” Vilos; Civil and Criminal Trial Lawyer; Member “Million Dollar Advocate’s Forum” (see [www.utah-injurylaw.com](http://www.utah-injurylaw.com)); Defended “SUPERDELL’s” (State v. Schanze) high-profile gun case to “not guilty” jury verdict to charge of “brandishing;” Named one of Utah's Top Lawyers for 2008 & 2009 by Utah Business Magazine. Author of *Utah Gun Law: Good Bad and Ugly*, *Utah Gun Law II: Pancho’s Wisdom*, *Utah Gun Law 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.*, *Utah Night Hunting and Spotlighting Manual*; NRA Certified Safety Instructor; State Certified Concealed Carry Instructor; International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Master; Notable Students: Jon Huntsman, Jr. (formerly Governor of the State of Utah), Gary Herbert (currently Governor of State of Utah), several members, past and present, of the Utah State Legislature, and Bob Lonsberry, popular local radio talk show host - KNRS 570AM morning show. See also [www.firearmslaw.com](http://www.firearmslaw.com).**
- II. EACH COURSE INCLUDES 3-4 HOURS OF DYNAMIC POWERPOINT© INSTRUCTION, AND INTENSIVE TRAINING ON THE SHOOTING RANGE!!!**
- A. THE LAW OF SELF DEFENSE**
1. Self Defense - Use of Deadly Force
  2. Home Defense
  3. Liability and Insurance Issues
- B. THE LAW OF CONCEALED WEAPONS**
1. Where You Can and Cannot Take a Concealed Weapon
  2. Reasons for Denial, Revocation or Suspension
  3. Assistance in Filing out State Application
- C. GUN SAFETY**
1. Pistols and revolvers
  2. Shooting safety
  3. Safe storage (for families with children)
- D. SHOOTING INSTRUCTION AT FIRING RANGE**
1. This is NOT your typical CCW exercise in shooting “paper.” We teach and you practice the VERY SKILLS you need for concealed carry i.e. drawing quickly from a concealed holster (we put you on a shooting timer to help you experience an adrenaline rush!), shooting while moving, shooting from cover, tactics for engaging multiple assailants etc.
  2. Large selection of guns available to help students pick a handgun suitable for their needs (\$5.00/day rental, ammunition available).
  3. Because shooting range not required under Utah statute, this part of course may be waived at discretion of instructor. However, students are encouraged to attend the range training and/or get at least a full day of

training from other qualified tactical instructors such as Assistant Ogden Police Chief Randy Watt (see Wikipedia for Randy's credentials and honors) or attend a minimum of two days handgun training at Front Sight Firearms Training Resort near Las Vegas, Nevada (see [frontsight.com](http://frontsight.com)).

- III. **NEXT SCHEDULED COURSE** (By Appointment - Note: if you don't have the minimum number of students described below (ten) you may request to be put on our "next class email list" until we have 10 students confirmed for a date they have all agreed to by prepaying the host of the class. We keep emailing potential students on the "next class" list until we have a date and a minimum of 10 students. If you can't make the next class, perhaps you will be able to attend the class following or one thereafter.)
- A. Minimum 10 students; however, fewer students may pay minimum group price of \$600 and get more personalized instruction.
    - 1. Weeknight classes (preferably Mon, Tues or Wed evenings)
      - a. Tues - Class room PowerPoint presentation - 5:30 - approx 9pm (times may vary depending upon class preference).
      - b. Wed - 5:00 Shooting Range (Sat 8am in Winter)
    - 2. Saturday Classes - 8am - 11pm Classroom (may vary eg. 8:30-11:30 depending upon class preference); Shooting Range 11:30am - approx 2pm (times may vary slightly depending upon range availability and length of time students want to stay at range and practice techniques - Mitch is usually willing to stay "until last student drops" [from fatigue, not from loss of blood!])
    - 3. **Attention: New Opportunity for the Motivated!** You can get a **FREE CWP class** for you (and your wife or significant other) as follows:
      - a. Organize a class with at least 10 paying students and host the class at your home provided your home is not north of Weber County or south of Salt Lake County and you take free.
      - b. Two free passes if you organize and host a class of at least 15 paying students.
  - B. CLASSROOM: Arranged and hosted by any person willing to line up at least 10 additional students (Travel to Utah or Box Elder County, Min 15 students; Travel to other areas of state, negotiable).
  - C. SHOOTING RANGE - (generally Lyon's Club Range straight up mountain from 400 N. in Bountiful - fee is \$5.00/ day).
  - D. For reserved seating, class times and questions call 1(800)530-0222 or email [mitchvilos@gmail.com](mailto:mitchvilos@gmail.com).

IV. **TUITION AND COSTS**

- A. Tuition \$60. Minimum ten students (Less than 10 may take the class if they pay the minimum class price of \$600).
  - 1. **Disclaimer:** This tuition is for my teaching time only and does not guarantee that you will qualify for a concealed weapons permit. If I

sincerely believe you are not capable of handling a handgun safely, I reserve the right to refuse to certify anyone (However, if I believe you have the capability to shoot safely, but simply lack the experience, I am willing to provide further instruction or let you practice the skills you have learned and come back to show me what you have learned.) If you have a criminal record, you may not qualify. You may phone the Bureau of Criminal Identification at 801.965.4445 to arrange for a printout of your criminal record and for questions about whether your record will disqualify you for a Utah Permit.

a. **Warning:** recently the State decided they would no longer process applications for students who had been certified more than 6 months before the application is submitted to them. If you do not intend to submit your application within 6 months of the time you take the class, **wait to take the class**. Students with “stale” applications will be required to **retake** the class.

2. **WHY IS THIS CLASS WORTH THE EXTRA EXPENSE?** Yes, this class is a little more expensive than most local concealed weapon classes(actually, because of “Obamania,” some instructors have increased their tuition to \$100 per person, while ours remains at \$60). However, you will be taught by the attorney whom most consider to be Utah’s foremost expert on the subject of firearms law. Mitch has probably handled more firearms cases, both criminal and civil, than any other private attorney in the state. Learn what techniques Mitch’s former clients might have used to avoid arrest and prosecution. You get the benefit of his legal education and vast experience helping gun owners fight gun law prosecutions, in depth knowledge that virtually no other concealed weapons instructor in the state can claim.

- B. Range Fee \$3-5 depending upon range
- C. State application fee not included. (\$65.25 to be paid directly to State)
- D. Gift Certificates Available
- E. \$20 Extra for pictures and fingerprints, which are taken during the class for your convenience.
- F. Eye and ear protection required. Students encouraged to bring their own. Hardened shooting glasses are best, but prescription or sun glasses will at least keep hot brass out of your eyes.
- G. Students who go to the range will be required to sign a waiver of liability agreeing, in essence, to assume the risk of possible injury at the shooting range.

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