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March 29, 2021

Dear Potential CCW Firearm Training Provider,

The Merced County Sheriff's Office is accepting firearms instructor applications for concealed weapon licenses issued by our agency. These applications will be accepted continuously and reevaluated bi-annually or at the direction of the Sheriff.

As defined in California Penal Code Section § 26165, the course of training for issuance of a concealed weapon license (CCW) may be any course acceptable to the licensing authority.

Firearms Instructors wishing to apply for addition to the recognized instructor list; need to provide this office with the following:

1. Copy of all current certificates/permits held, establishing that you are a certified firearms instructor (i.e.: BSIS, NRA, CA P.O.S.T., USCCA). This information is required for every individual instructor working on the course of place of business.
2. Names and addresses of ranges where training will be conducted
3. Any and all lesson plans, to include course outline, for carrying concealed weapons (Minimum **8** hours of instruction)
4. Any and all lesson plans, to include course outline, for carrying concealed weapons - renewal (Minimum **4** hours of instruction)
5. Training/Educational material provided to students.
6. Course of Fire Overview
7. Copy of current business license
8. Certificate of Liability/ Insurance
9. Copies of any additional certifications/licensing/credentials applicable to your request to become a recognized instructor with Merced County Sheriff's Office.
10. A list of current scheduled training classes for a minimum of the next three months, if any. (These trainings may have someone from the sheriff's office attend to observe the training provided)
11. Copy of your training certificates and/or range qualifications provided to students for Initial and Renewal CCW Courses.

This application packet should be sent to the following address:

Merced County Sheriff's Office
Attn: Undersheriff Corey Gibson
700 W. 22nd Street
Merced, CA

Incomplete or partial applications will not be considered.

Merced Sheriff Range Staff and I will review all applications. Instructors meeting the requirements and accepted to be on the recognized instructor list will be notified in writing. These instructors will be provided with information from the CCW unit about our current firearms standards and required forms.

If you are not approved as a CCW Firearms Instructor you will be notified in writing, this decision is final and there is no appeal process. You are eligible to reapply after six months of the previous denial but will only be reviewed a maximum of two separate times as an approved CCW firearms

Additions to the approved firearms instructor list will be considered until the next bi-annual reviewing period. At this time, all approved firearms instructors will be subject to the bi-annual review of the list. All approved CCW firearms instructors are approved at the pleasure of the Sheriff's Office and are subject to remove from the approved firearms instructor list at any time.

As the licensing authority for the issuance of concealed carry weapons permits, the Merced County Sheriff's Office is committed to guaranteeing the quality of training. Your course should emphasize **SAFETY, EDUCATION & TRAINING**. It should also reiterate the importance and responsibility of gun ownership along with being licensed to carry a concealed firearm. Working together, we can be assured the citizens of Merced County are provided top quality firearms training.

If you have any questions about CCW permits or this process, please visit the Sheriff's Website at www.MercedSheriff.com, call the CCW Bureau at (209) 385-7559 or email MercedSheriffCCW@CountyofMerced.com

Sincerely,



Corey Gibson,
Undersheriff of Merced County.