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# Merced County Sheriff's Office

**Vernon H. Warnke**  
*Sheriff/Coroner*

**Sheriff's Administration**

**Mailing Address: 2222 M St. • Merced, CA 95340**  
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670 W. 22nd Street  
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**Main Detention Facility**  
700 W. 22nd Street  
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**John Latorraca Correctional Center**  
2584 W. Sandy Mush Road  
El Nido, CA 95317  
Phone: (209) 385-7575  
Fax: (209) 725-3944

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for a State of California License to Carry Concealed Weapon.

Attached is an application packet that must be completed and returned with requested documents to the Merced County Sheriff's Department. **Applications are also available on-line at [www.merced.ca.us](http://www.merced.ca.us), Merced County Sheriff website (click on C.C.W.).** Granting of a CCW is the sole discretion of Sheriff Vernon H. Warnke.

## **LICENSE TO CARRY CONCEALED WEAPON APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. Complete the application pursuant to the instructions therein. Twenty percent of the application fee (**\$10.00**) will be collected upon filing of the initial application. The balance of the fee (**\$40.00**) will be collected **only upon issuance of your CCW permit**. Please call Josette Torres, CCW Coordinator for an appointment (209) 385-7559.

**Please note:** **CLASS & QUALIFICATION is not necessary prior to Sheriff's approval.**

2. A background check is conducted on each applicant and the Sheriff shall review the application and supporting documents and may approve or deny application request.

3. Applicant will be notified upon approval or denial. California law dictates that notice be made to an applicant within 90 days of the application or within 30 days after receipt of the DOJ criminal background check, whichever is later.

4. The Live Scan will be conducted upon submittal of application and payment of fees, or as soon thereafter as possible. **Live scan fees are \$113.00** and payable to the Merced County Sheriff's Department by cash or check.

5. **Upon processing and clearance of live scan by the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation**, you will be notified to call and schedule a final appointment for issuance of a License to Carry Concealed Weapon Permit.

A. A firearm's class approved by the Sheriff must be taken prior to issuance of a CCW permit and applicant must qualify with the gun(s) listed on your payment.

B. Applicant must agree to abide by specific restrictions and conditions as outlined by the Sheriff.

6. **Renewals:** Licenses are issued for a **two year period**. A firearm's class approved by the Sheriff must be taken prior to renewal of your CCW License. Licenses are renewed by appointment only. Please allow a few weeks to take the class, qualify and make an appointment prior to the expiration date on your license.

7. In accordance with California Government Code section 6250, as cited in *CBS v. Block* (1986) Cal.3d 646, information that you provide on your license application (including Section 7 Investigator's Interview Notes) and on the License to Carry Concealed Weapon is public information and must be disclosed to the public if requested. My intent for advising you of this fact, is to make you aware that the Merced County Sheriff's Department does not have the authority to withhold this information from members of the news media.

The following businesses have been approved to offer the CCW classes and qualification with your weapon(s). They are not a representative of, or employed by, the Merced County Sheriff's Department or any other laws enforcement agency.

## CCW Instruction Courses

### **Armed Angels**

Rene Gibson, Sharon Mayfield, Carla D Flores,  
Instructors

(559) 260-0421 or (559) 283-0693

[www.armedangels1.com](http://www.armedangels1.com)

[armedangels1@gmail.com](mailto:armedangels1@gmail.com)

[www.facebook.com/armedangels1](http://www.facebook.com/armedangels1)

### **Defend To Survive, LLC**

Arthur den Dulk

Certified National Rifle Association, Department of  
Justice, and LAW ENFORCEMENT Instructors.

Training is located at River Oaks Range in Winton  
Ca.

(209) 542-8542

### **Eclipse Firearms and Training LLC.**

Sunny Le

840 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Los Banos, CA 93635

(209) 209-710-8554

### **Gunrunner**

Gerry and Sandy Mitchell, Instructors

2040 Yosemite Parkway

Merced, CA 95340

(209) 723-3995

### **Hammer Stryke**

#### **Self-Reliance Training Inc**

Dave Givens – Instructor

John Givens – Instructor

209-614-1718

209-988-9554

[www.hammerstryke.com](http://www.hammerstryke.com)

### **JLPFI - John Lewis Professional**

Firearms Instruction

John Lewis

5730 N First St. Suite 105,

Fresno Ca. 93710

Varmister@hotmail.com

(559) 349-3833

Or (559) 382-9549

### **Harron, Gary**

CCW Instructor

559-226-6189 • 559-905-8746

**Hillside Range**

Jerry Bartholomew, Instructor  
931 E. Pacheco Blvd.  
Los Banos, CA 93635 (209) 704-1708

**Madison Society Foundation**

John Horton  
<http://www.madison-society.org/>  
209-576-0260

**M2 Firearms Training**

Richard Macchia  
Robert Marvulli  
[m2instruction.com](http://m2instruction.com)  
(209) 386-7344

**American Armory**

Los Banos CA  
209-270-1234  
[info@aafirearm.com](mailto:info@aafirearm.com)

**Mongrel Tactical EDC**

Nathan Henderson  
Anthony Amabile  
947 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Banos CA 93635  
209-710-0015 (Work)  
209-270-0200 (Cell)  
[mongreltacticaledcinc@gmail.com](mailto:mongreltacticaledcinc@gmail.com)

**Upward Firearm Training**

Andy Thomas, DOJ Instructor  
Delhi Area  
(209) 667-9985

**Northern Firearms Instruction**

Sgt. Theodore Eugene Lidie  
1095 Hilltop Dr. Ste 320  
Redding CA 96003  
(503) 999-1822

**Stage Stop Gun Shop**

Ken Coe (Instructor)  
(209) 358-4867

**Gladwin Guns**

6493 E. Olive Avenue  
Merced, CA. 95340

**Chris Chavez Firearms**

535 W. Main Street 2nd Floor Merced, CA. 95340  
Services Offered:

- CCW Training
- Hand Gun Safety Training
- POST Certified Instructor
- DOJ Certified Instructor  
#200095

**Red Dot Firearms**

663 E. Quincy Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93720 (559) 696-1072  
Mariposa, CA 95338  
(209)-614-1718  
[www.hammerstryke.com](http://www.hammerstryke.com)

**Ballistic Defense Academy**

Regena M. Horton (Instructor)  
Escalon, CA 95320  
209-896-6781  
<http://www.Ballisticdefenseacademy.com>

**Schell's Sport Shop**

Carl Schell, Instructor 2111  
Geer Road, Suite 209  
Turlock, CA 95382

**Sintex Security**

Jerry Sterner, Instructor  
1748 Miles  
Ct., Ste. A  
Merced, CA 95340 (209) 723-9044

**Stone's Gun Shop**

Ron Garrison Instructor  
830 West Olive Ave (Between Suites B & C)  
Merced, Ca. 95340  
(209)723-3733  
[www.ccwmerced.com](http://www.ccwmerced.com)

**Trident Firearms Academy**

P.O. Box 1319  
Salida, CA 95368  
(209) 535-0077  
[www.TridentFirearmsAcademy.com](http://www.TridentFirearmsAcademy.com)

**Total Training Solutions Group Inc.**

901 Lake Havasu Dr. Suite 102  
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86405  
[www.ttsgi.com](http://www.ttsgi.com)

**Valley Defense Consulting**

584 Hi Tech Parkway  
Oakdale, CA 95361  
(209) 552-5728

**Valley Defense Consulting Inc.**

Vince & Christie  
Bizzini, Instructors  
Modesto, CA 95358  
(209) 552-5278  
<http://ww2.valleydefense.com>

**Norcal Medtac**

Aptos, CA 95001  
(831) 970-0440

**Insight Firearms Training**

Larry Johnson  
NRA & Post  
Certified Instructor  
559-479-0871



There are several restrictions on carrying concealed firearms. For example, license holders are permitted to possess only one authorized concealed firearm on his or her person at any given time pursuant to the permit. You **do not need** a CCW permit to possess a legal firearm at your home or your place of business, unless otherwise prohibited by law. **You should have a legitimate reason to request a permit.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josette Torres, CCW Coordinator, (209) 385-7559.

Sincerely,

Vernon H. Warnke  
Sheriff-Coroner