



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Bowlin and City Council Members

From: Rick Brown, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Date: April 17, 2019

Re: Personal Safety Training

At the March 2019 meeting of the Board of Public Safety, the Board reviewed a request from a Wildwood resident, Mr. Dave Williams, who would like to offer free personal safety training to Wildwood residents. Mr. Williams has developed a personal safety training program which includes situational awareness to avoid unsafe situations, with appropriate response to those threats including a high-level overview on the basics of the concealed carry law in that state of Missouri. Mr. Williams has requested to use City Hall (Community Room) to present the training to residents, with registration being provided by the City. For the Council's reference, I have attached a PDF, provided by Mr. Williams, which details the learning objectives of his training program.

After review and discussion of this request, the Board ultimately approved a motion in support of allowing Mr. Williams the opportunity to conduct the training, as he has requested, conditioned on a review of liability by the City Attorney. City Attorney John Young, after subsequent review, did not express any concerns regarding potential city liability assuming we sponsor the training program at City Hall. Therefore, the Department is planning to move forward and coordinate with Mr. Williams to schedule an initial personal training course at City Hall.

Mr. Williams, as well as Captain Mundell and I will be available for any questions regarding this matter at the April 22, 2019 work session of the City Council.

RCB

Overview:

The Request:

I am looking for a space where I can give informative talks about personal safety and danger avoidance. I would like to partner with the city of Wildwood to make this information available to the residents of our city at little or no cost.

The Reason:

I am an NRA certified pistol instructor and I have been teaching MO concealed carry (CCW) since 2011. In that time I have determined that it only takes about 45 minutes to cover the most important aspects of personal safety. As a public service, I'm happy to share this information with anyone who is interested in learning more about how to be safe.

Administrative Items:

- Discussions will be focused on how to avoid danger using proven techniques.
- Presentations will be made in a clear, objective and “Gun-Neutral” manner.
- Actual firearms WILL NOT be used during any presentations.
- Additional information is needed on room usage fees, security deposits and – to the extent it is deemed necessary – liability insurance.

I greatly appreciate all of the assistance that the Board of Public Safety has provided me so far and I look forward to the opportunity to share this information with our neighbors.

Dave Williams

Situational Awareness and an Introduction to MO Concealed Carry

Course Objective:

An abbreviated discussion on the most important aspects of personal safety and situational awareness plus a high-level overview on the basics of Concealed Carry in that state of MO.

Presented by:

Goliath Training Group, L.L.C.
J. David Williams – Owner



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The most important things:

1. Learning how to recognize and avoid trouble so you can stay alive
2. It's always better to walk (or even run) away from a fight
3. The fight you avoid is the one that you always win
4. Only takes 45 min. to learn the most important material
5. You **DO NOT** want your life to become “Complicated”

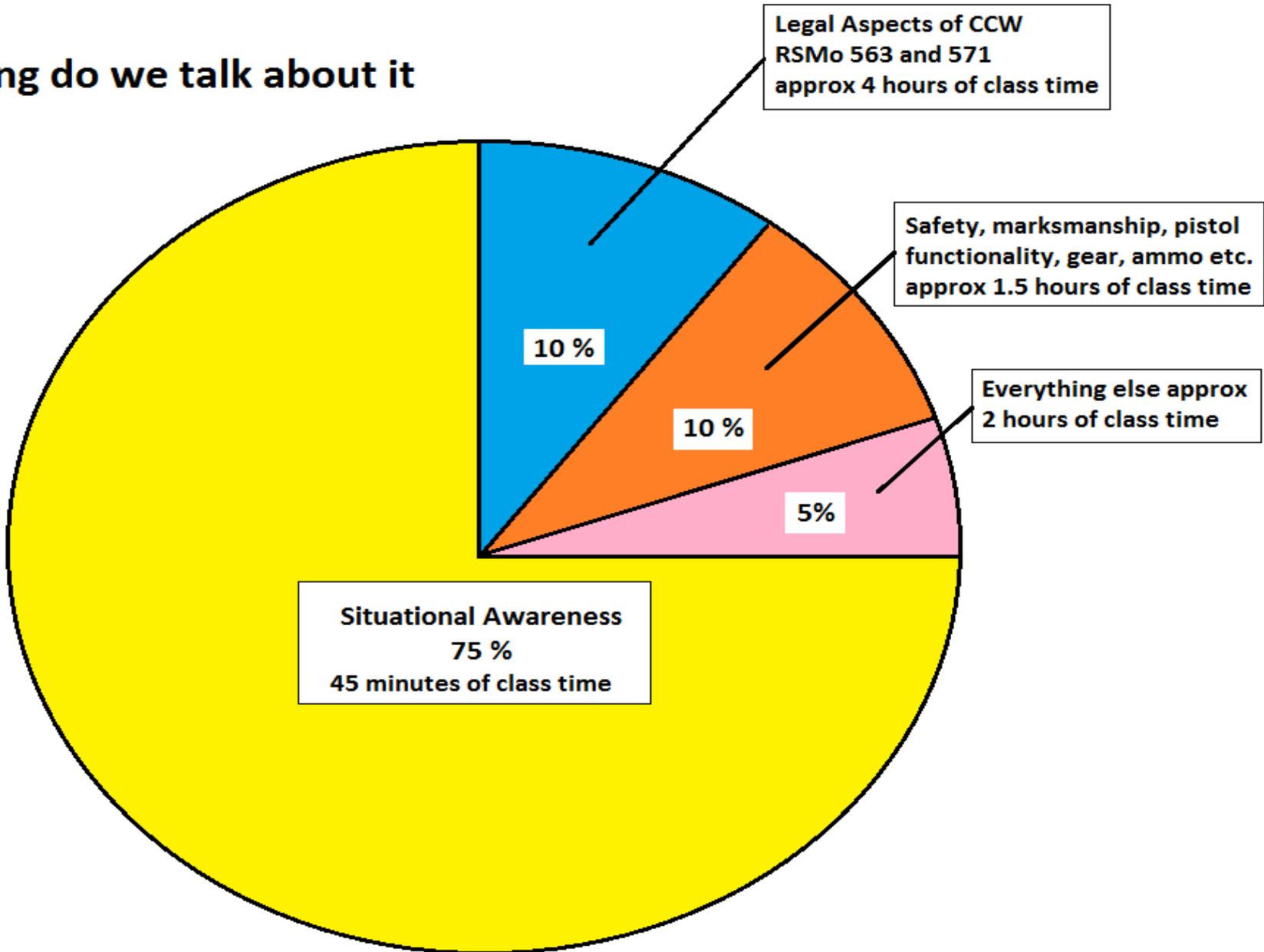
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**How important is it
vs.
How long do we talk about it**



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Learning Objective #1 Understanding of Situational Awareness

Definition: Situational Awareness is the process whereby a person: (a.) gathers, (b.) interprets, and (c.) acts upon information pertaining to the world around him/her.

When you learned how to drive a car, you likely learned what is referred to as “Defensive Driving” which is anticipating things before they happen and not getting too close to them, so as to avoid damage to yourself or your vehicle.

Situational Awareness is like defensive driving when you **ARE NOT** behind the wheel of your car. You *gather* information about your surroundings, *interpret* what it means and *act* accordingly so that you can stay out of trouble.

The way that we do this is by use of a system of color codes.

Col. Jeff Cooper's Color Codes of Situational Awareness

Color

Description and action taken



Relaxed and Unaware. You are daydreaming, watching TV or your cell phone etc. You are not paying attention to your surroundings and you do not see threats that might be coming towards you.



Relaxed and Aware. You're observing what's going on around you so you can avoid danger. You are taking note of things that don't look right. This is like defensive driving when you're not behind the wheel.



Identification and Action Plan. You have identified someone who might be a threat and you have an action plan ready to use based on whether or not the threat does a specific action.



Take Action. The threat has done that certain action in the orange step and you immediately initiate your action. It may or may not involve your firearm, but your action has to be immediate.

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Learning Objective #2 Administrative overview of Concealed Carry (CCW)

Definition: CCW stands for Carrying a Concealed Weapon and this gives law abiding citizens a last resort option for protecting their life and the lives of those they love if either are in mortal danger. *A concealed weapon is a tool of last resort when avoidance and diplomacy fail.*

Who: MO residents who are at least 19 years of age – previously 21.

What: Any lawful weapon may be concealed or now carried openly.

When: You have to determine this for yourself based on your lifestyle.

Where: Anywhere that “It’s Legal” to do so.....

Why: Because our world has become increasingly more dangerous.

How: On body, off body, in your car, in your home, etc.

Question: What is the most valuable thing that you own?

Answer: YOUR LIFE !!!!

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Learning Objective #3 Important legal aspects re: Concealed Carry

MO Law Main Points:

1. Self Defense is an absolute defense in MO – not affirmative
2. Castle doctrine: YES Stand your ground: YES Open Carry: YES
3. What about carrying in other states
4. Carrying without a CCW permit, (now legal in MO), good idea or not
5. What about federal and other state laws regarding CCW

Self Defense:

1. What is a forcible felony
2. What is the difference between physical force and deadly force
3. What is the best way to prove self defense

Contact with Law Enforcement:

1. How to handle a routine traffic stop
2. The right way to call 911 during a home invasion
3. How to talk with law enforcement if you are involved in a shooting

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OPEN DISCUSSION Q & A

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