

# Urgent Alert for all Texas CHL Instructors

For the past several weeks rumors have been circulating regarding training standards for Concealed Handgun Instructors in Texas.

Following a meeting today with personnel at the Department of Public Safety, we are now able to give out accurate information regarding these rumors.

Under the standards laid out in Government Code Chapter 411 a certified concealed handgun instructor must also maintain a certification under one of the following provisions:

- 1) Certification as an NRA pistol instructor,
- 2) Certification by TCLEOSE as a pistol instructor,
- 3) Certification by the Private Securities Board as a pistol instructor,
- 4) Certification as a pistol instructor under some other nationally recognized program of instruction.

**This standard will now be applied to all currently certified instructors during the renewal year of 2013.**

This means that all instructors who do not already meet one of these standards must gain one of these certifications prior to your renewal as a certified handgun instructor for Texas CHL.

We have been anticipating that this may be the case, so TCHA has been attempting to secure instructors to schedule classes to meet the demand. We are working with instructors around the state to schedule classes in various places. To this end we can announce the first two classes. There will be many more and we will send out alerts as soon as we possibly can.

The first two classes will be held in Kerrville at the Hill Country Shooting Sports Center. The first class will be held May 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> with one following on May 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>. These first two classes will have limited seating and will be filled on a first come-first served basis. You may register for either of these classes by sending an email to our TCHA secretary at [bobby.clakley@gmail.com](mailto:bobby.clakley@gmail.com). Once registration is sent by email, you must send a class fee of \$200 to TCHA, PO Box 161713, Austin Texas 78716 in order to hold the reservation. The fee should be received no later than April 15, 2013.

We have additional classes not yet finalized in the Lubbock area this summer, and other areas of the state as instructors become available. You may also go to the NRA website to see a list of previously scheduled classes by instructors not affiliated with TCHA.

The TxDPS has assured us that they will be posting shortly on their instructors page an explanation of this standard, and that they will be developing a streamlined method for documenting these training standards.

Please know that your Board of Directors is doing their best to keep you advised of these new developments. Please check our website at <http://www.txchia.org> regularly and look for updates in our next quarterly journal and in our weekly TCHA Shot. You may also call us toll free at 866-516-5117.