



# TENNESSEE ENHANCED HANDGUN CARRY PERMIT STUDENT GUIDE



DRAGON TACTICAL INTERNATIONAL

## Table of Contents

About Dragon Tactical International.....	3
About This Study Guide.....	3
Process Checklist.....	4
Begin Application for an Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit.....	4
What to Expect in the Class .....	5
What to Bring to the Class .....	6
What to Wear .....	6
Eligibility Requirements .....	7
Acceptable Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency Documents .....	8
Test Taking Tips.....	9
Classroom & Range Location .....	10
Basic Fundamentals of Shooting.....	11
Proper Handgun Grip.....	12
Next Steps After the Class.....	13
Greene County Driver’s License Station .....	15
Handgun Related Laws.....	16
States Who Recognize Tennessee Handgun Permits.....	17
Continuing Your Training .....	17
Refresher Courses.....	18

Copyright © 2020 Dragon Tactical International

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced, distributed, or transmitted in any form or by any means, including photocopying, recording, or other electronic or mechanical methods, without the prior written permission of the publisher, except in the case of brief quotations embodied in critical reviews and certain other noncommercial uses permitted by copyright law.

Printed in the United States of America  
 First Edition

## About Dragon Tactical International

Dragon Tactical International was founded by Michael Patrick and is a division of Dragon Society International (DSI). DSI has instructors all over the world and has been teaching personal defense skills for over 30 years.

For many years, Dragon Tactical existed in the shadows. Our instructors did not teach publicly and instead worked within the private security, government, military, and Law Enforcement fields. In the last few years, we have decided to extend our skillsets to the civilian sector, by teaching firearms training, performing security assessments for businesses, Active Shooter training for Church Security Teams, Corporate training, Tactical Medicine training, Counter-Human Trafficking, Counter-Terrorism, and much more.

We have worked with some of the largest and most prestigious government agencies you can think of and have trained alongside them. You will be hard-pressed to think of an agency that we have not worked with on some level.

Our instructors all have advanced military and/or Law Enforcement experience. They “walk the walk” and not just “talk the talk.” This is absolutely essential to knowing that your instructors have the experience to back up their skills so they can give you invaluable insight.

Above all, know that your instructors care a great deal about you expanding your skills. It is the Number One reason they are teaching! Each and every instructor chosen to represent our organization is the best at what they do and are very personable and fun people with which to train. We guarantee it. No ego here. The best in the industry have no reason to brag and no reason to prove anything. Those in the know, already know who we are and what we can do.

## About This Study Guide

The purpose of this study guide is to help you prepare for the Tennessee Enhanced Carry Permit course. All of the material required to pass the class will be covered during the training, but we understand that some people are apprehensive about taking tests and want to be completely prepared to reduce stress. For that reason, we put together a practice test exam so you can see the type of material that is covered on the test and so you can become more familiar with this material in advance of the training.

If you decide to take the practice exam, do not worry if you find questions where you don't already know the answer. Again, the content will be covered in the class. This test is also 75 questions, whereas the real exam is only 50 questions. We intentionally cover more material in the practice exam so you are fully prepared.

The idea is to take the practice exam and then grade your result with the Answer Key. You can then go back and take it as many times as you want until you are able to achieve a very high score.

We guarantee if you can pass this test, you have absolutely nothing to worry about with the real test!



## Process Checklist

- Register for the class at [www.tncarrypermits.com](http://www.tncarrypermits.com)
- Begin application process with the state (<https://dl.safety.tn.gov>)
- Review this document and take the Practice Exam until you can pass it easily
- Bring Driver's License & a bag lunch to the Handgun Permit Class
- Complete the Class (Training, Written Exam, and Shooting Qualification)
- Take Birth Certificate or US Passport to the Driver's License Center
- Schedule Fingerprints
- Check status of your application at (<https://dl.safety.tn.gov>)
- Receive Handgun Permit in the US Postal Mail in less than 90 days

## Begin Application for an Enhanced Handgun Carry Permit

Visit <https://dl.safety.tn.gov> in a browser and click on the "Handgun Permits" tab. You will need to enter the information and then click "Log In". You will need to enter several screens of information and then will need to confirm the information on the last screen.

Doing this process will enable the instructor to enter your scores online. After the class is over, you will be able to login at the same address and check on the status of your application.

The screenshot shows the Tennessee Department of Safety & Homeland Security website. The navigation bar includes 'Driver Services', 'Handgun Permits', and 'Driver Information & Forms'. A red attention banner reads: "Attention: The Department of Safety & Homeland Security is continuing to expand the online services available to you. View a current list of online handgun permit services." Below this is the 'Login to e-Services' section, which contains a form with the following fields: Last Name, Date of Birth, TN License/ID Number, and Social Security Number, followed by a 'Log In' button. To the right of the login form are three informational boxes: 'New Resident Handgun Carry Permit' (explaining eligibility), 'View Handgun Safety Schools' (with a link to view schools), and 'Reprint Confirmation' (with a search field for existing submissions).

Print out the information on the Application Number generated above and bring it to your class along with your Driver's License. This will be utilized by the instructor(s) to add you to the online system with the State, which will allow you to check the status of your application at any time.

## What to Expect in the Class

The class is divided into two sections. The first half is the Power Point presentation which will take approximately 4 hours to complete. At the end of this, you will take a written exam which has 50 questions of multiple choice and True/False.

Afterwards, we will go up to the range, which is onsite, and complete the shooting qualification. This will require shooting 50 rounds at 3, 5, and 7 yards.

Once completed, your scores will be updated in the computer system and you will be ready to complete the process with the state.



***“Great class and instructors! Worth the money! You get 100 out of 100!”***

David Kuchmuk

***“Mike was patient and very polite, welcomed all questions with straight forward answers and took his time with everyone in the class.”***

Bill Colley

***“Mike was a phenomenal and thorough instructor. He made me feel less nervous and more confident as the day progressed. Mike is extremely knowledgeable, yet humble, and the class flew by! 10/10!!”***

Jessica Buxton-Inscore

## What to Bring to the Class

- Your Driver's License
- If you have hearing protection (can be ear muffs or ear plugs) and/or eye protection (can be glasses, sunglasses, etc.). If you do not have it, we will provide it.
- Due to time constraints, we recommend bringing a bag lunch. This will allow us to complete training more quickly.



## What to Wear

Due to the excessive temperatures of hot brass, we do not recommend low cut tops or open-toed shoes. A baseball style hat is a great idea as it helps keep brass from getting behind your eye protection, keeps the sun and rain out of your eyes, and your head warm. Beyond that, wear something comfortable. You do not need to wear tactical style clothing. Jeans are just fine.

If the weather is calling for rain or snow, be sure to wear a jacket and proper clothing. The range is covered where you will be shooting but it is still outside. You don't need to worry about standing in the pouring rain, but you will get a little wet moving from your vehicle to the pavilion and such.

## Eligibility Requirements

- Qualifications That Must Be Met Before Applying for a Tennessee Handgun Carry Permit (Enhanced or Concealed)
- Effective July 1, 2005, all handgun permit applicants seeking a new permit must provide proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency.
- Applicants must not be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a handgun in this, or any other, state.
- Must not have a Felony conviction and not currently under indictment for a felony
- Must not have a Charge pending for Domestic Violence and never been convicted of Domestic Violence
- Must not be a fugitive from justice
- Must not have been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions
- Must not be an illegal alien or unlawfully in the United States
- Has not renounced their United States citizenship
- Does not have an Order of Protection or a restraining order filed against them
- Not an unlawful user of or addicted to alcohol or any controlled substance or controlled substance analogue
- Not a patient in a rehabilitation program and have not been hospitalized for alcohol, controlled substance or controlled substance analogue within ten (10) years (if court ordered) or 3 years (if voluntary)
- Must not have had two (2) convictions for DUI in ten (10) years, with one of those being within the last five (5) years
- Not currently under the jurisdiction of the court for a DUI or any other Class A Misdemeanor conviction
- Has not been adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to/or hospitalized in a mental institution
- Has not had a court appoint a conservator for me by reason of mental defect
- Has not been judicially determined to be disabled by reason of mental illness, development disability or other mental incapacity
- Has not been found by a court to pose an immediate substantial likelihood of serious harm, because of mental illness within seven (7) years from the date of application
- Has not been convicted of stalking and have no pending charge(s) for Stalking
- Not receiving social security disability benefits by reason of alcohol dependence, drug dependence, or mental disability
- Applicants are required to be a resident of the state of Tennessee
- Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age or is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is an honorably discharged or retired veteran of the United States Armed Forces or is a member of the United States Armed Forces on active duty status and includes with the application a certified copy of the applicant's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, DD214 or includes with the application a military identification card as proof that the applicant is an active duty member of the military.

## Acceptable Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency Documents

- Official Birth Certificate issued by a U.S. state, jurisdiction or territory (Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Swain's Island, Guam)
- **IMPORTANT:** Puerto Rican birth certificates issued before July 1, 2010 will not be recognized as proof of Lawful U.S. Citizenship beginning November 1, 2010.
- The government of Puerto Rico has provided information for citizens to apply for new birth certificates.
- U.S. Government-issued Certified Birth Certificate
- U.S. Certificate of Birth Abroad (DS-1350 or FS-545)
- Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the U.S. (FS-240)
- Valid, unexpired U.S. Passport
- Certificate of Citizenship (N560 or N561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (N550, N570 or N578)
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (I-197, I-179)
- Unexpired Permanent Resident Alien Card (I-551), issued for ten (10) years.



The fieldhouse and classroom at the Greene County Range & Firearms Sports Complex

## Test Taking Tips

- Be fully prepared. Most stress comes from not feeling ready. The Practice Exam should help a lot with this.
- Arrive at the class a few minutes early. The stress of being late is not the way you want to start any course. It will also allow you time to chat with the instructors and get to know them.
- Do a Memory Dump. If there is anything you are struggling to remember, write it down immediately on a blank piece of paper so you can refer back to it during the test if you encounter a related question.
- Sometimes Multiple-Choice questions have more than one right answer. Be sure to read through all of the options before choosing one.
- Answer all of the questions you know first and then go back and review the ones you are uncertain about. Sometimes a later question on the test will give pieces of information that can be utilized in another question.
- Look for clues, such as if two answers are similar, they are usually not the correct answer.
- Look for answers that fill in the blank with the correct grammar. Sometimes wrong answers don't make sense when read in your mind.
- Ignore patterns in answers such as the sequence of the letters of the options. Often, no thought was given as to whether the latter "b" is the answer too many times in a row. Just choose what you believe to be the correct answer.
- The first answer that pops in your mind is usually correct. Don't second guess yourself.
- Don't read more into the question than is stated. Reading too much into it might mean multiple answers seem correct.
- Go back and answer more difficult questions after you have done all of the easy ones.
- Review the test and make sure you answered each and every question.



## Classroom & Range Location

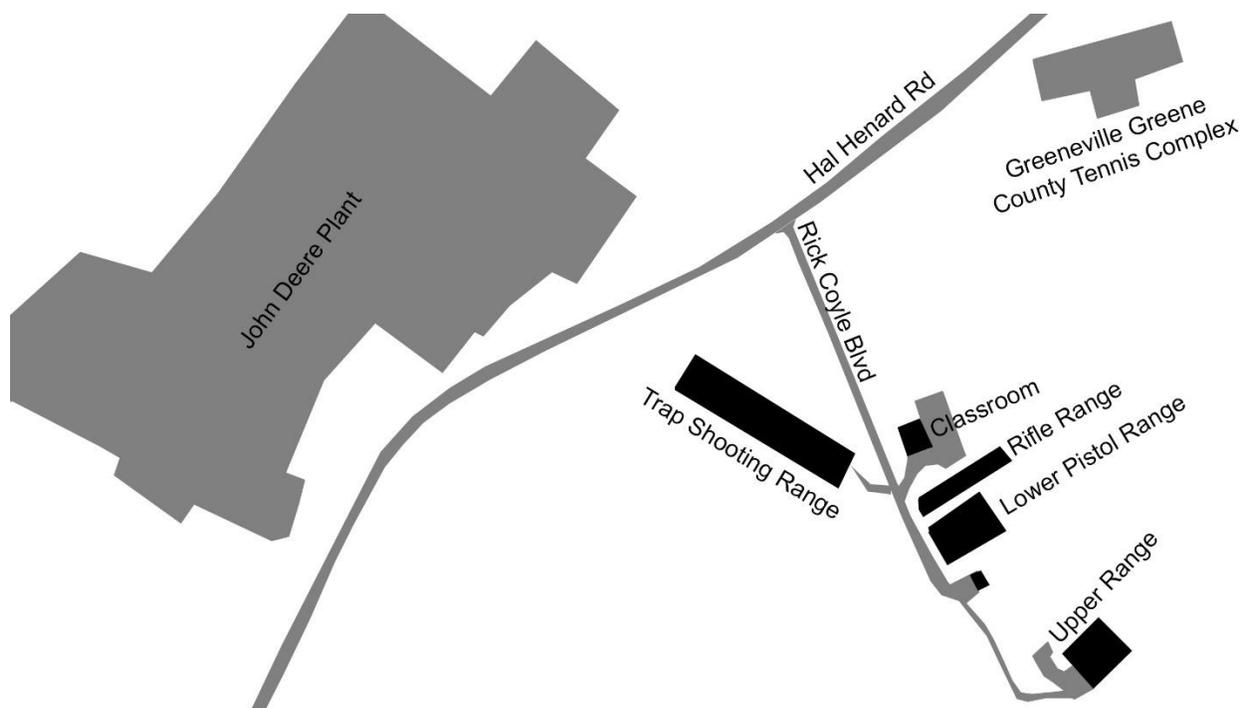
For your convenience, the classroom and the range are at the same location. If you utilize GPS, the address is:

Greene County Range & Firearms Sports Complex  
 1435 Hal Henard Rd  
 Greeneville, TN 37743

### Directions from I-81

From Interstate 81 take Exit 23. Take Hwy 11E North towards Greeneville for approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Hal Henard Road. The Driver Services Center is approximately 1 mile ahead on the right. The range is not far from there.

You will see Softball fields on the left of the road. The very next road on the left is Rick Coyle Blvd, which goes directly to the range. From there, you will pass through an open gate. The classroom is the first building on the left. Please park in the rear of the building. The training will begin in the Classroom.



## Basic Fundamentals of Shooting

Aiming consist of two components:

- Sight Alignment
- Sight Picture

The eye will only allow you to focus on one object at a time. Though you are looking at the rear sight, front sight, and the target – you should concentrate on the front sight. It should appear clear and sharp, while the rear sight should look less clear and the target a bit fuzzy/blurred.



Proper focus means that your visual focus should be on the front sight. Target and rear sight are slightly fuzzy, but clear enough to establish proper sight alignment / sight picture.

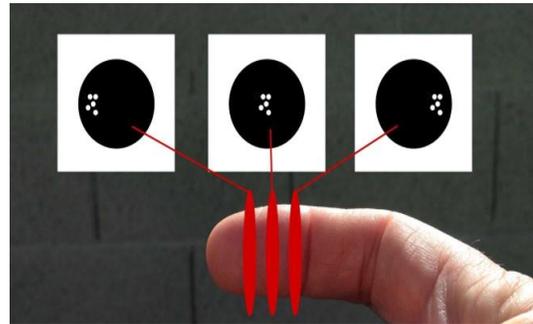
Sight Alignment refers to the proper relationship of the pistol's front and rear sights. Proper sight alignment is having the top of the front sight even with the top of the rear sight. There should be an equal amount of space separating the front sight from the sides of the rear sight.

Breath control minimizes body movement produced by breathing, which impairs accuracy:

- Take a breath before each shot
- Exhale enough air to be comfortable, then do a respiratory pause
- Make your shot during the respiratory pause
- Too long a pause may cause tremors

Trigger Control. When firing, pull the trigger in a smooth continuous manner without moving the sights

- Placement of the trigger finger affects accuracy
- Place the pad of your finger on the trigger



Follow through continues the fundamentals of shooting through and immediately after firing the shot

- Fundamentals of marksmanship are executed until the bullet leaves the muzzle
- Allow trigger to reset
- Regain sight picture
- Maintain awareness of the condition of the firearm



How sight alignment affects shot placement

### Proper Handgun Grip

Notice the thumbs forward grip. Also the thumbs are on the same side of the weapon. Do not cross thumbs to opposite sides of the semi-automatic handgun. Note the shooting hand is high on the grip and the fingers of the support hand are also high against the bottom of the trigger guard. Of course, we will work on your grip in the class.



The most common mistakes are:

- Gripping too low on the weapon, which causes the weapon to move too much from recoil
- Crossing the thumbs to opposite sides of the weapon
- Applying too much pressure with the “pinky finger” which leads to shooting too low
- Anticipating recoil and jerking the weapon, which causes shooting too low
- Either too much or too little finger on the trigger
- Slapping the trigger instead of a slow consistent trigger pull
- Trying to shoot too fast

## Next Steps After the Class

Upon successful completion of the 8-hour class, your scores will be entered into the State's online system showing that you have completed the Safety Course. You will need to go to the Driver's License Center within 6 months of taking the course or you will have to repeat the class.

At the Driver's License Center, you will need to:

- Pay the application fee of \$100 (\$65 with active military ID or DD-214 listing honorable discharge) for an eight (8) year permit.
- Provide CERTIFIED PROOF of U.S. Citizenship or Lawful Permanent Residency (Photocopies will not be accepted).
- Provide proof of full Social Security Number.
- Have photo taken.
- If you do not currently have a Tennessee driver license, you must submit two proofs of Tennessee residency with your name and resident address - NO P.O. BOXES (Documents must be current and within last 4 months.).
- Present a photo ID to the Department at the time of filing the application.
- Once transaction is complete, the examiner will provide you with the instructions for being fingerprinted.

(The different fee options will be listed below.)

You can check the status of your application anytime by visiting <https://dl.safety.tn.gov>.

If approved, your permit will arrive within 90 days, typically within a couple of weeks.

Please remember that you cannot carry your handgun until the permit is in your physical possession.

If you have any questions you can reach out to us at any time and we will assist in any way we can.



### Original Application Fee

8 year Enhanced	\$100.00
Military 8 year Enhanced	\$65.00
Concealed Handgun Carry	\$65.00
Lifetime (Enhanced only)	\$300.00
Military Lifetime (Enhanced only)	\$265.00
Retired Law Enforcement Lifetime (Enhanced only)	FREE

### Renewal or Upgrade Fee

When you renew your permit, the new expiration date will be eight (8) years from the date the renewal permit was issued. Permits expire eight (8) years from the date of issuance.

8-year Enhanced	\$50.00
Military 8-year Enhanced	\$50.00
Upgrade from Enhanced to a Lifetime	\$200.00
Upgrade from Enhanced to a Lifetime Military	\$200.00
Upgrade from Concealed to Lifetime (Must also meet all requirements for Enhanced)	\$300.00
Retired Law Enforcement upgrade to a Lifetime	FREE

## Greene County Driver's License Station

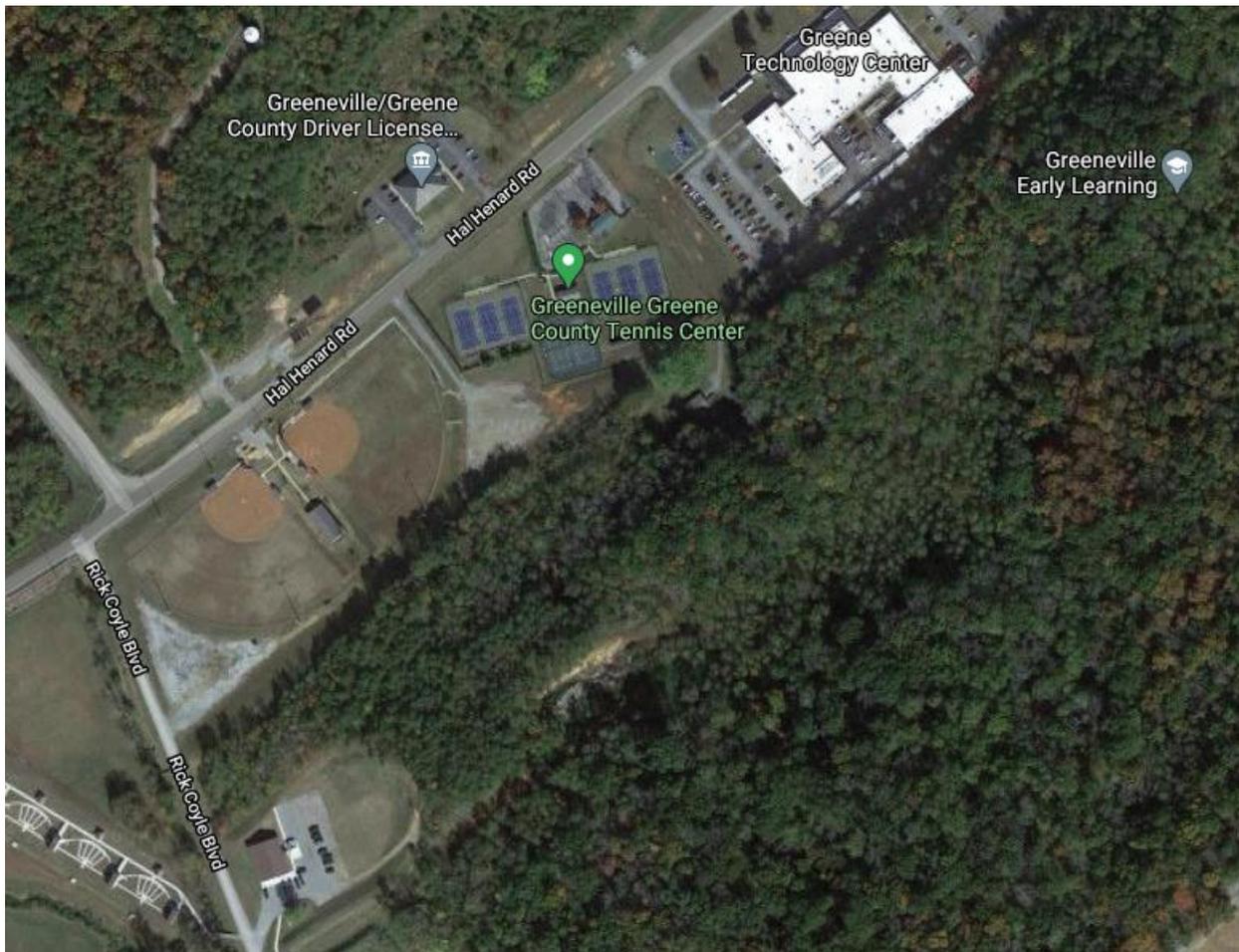
The address in Greeneville is listed below but if you want to do it elsewhere you may choose any such center in another location:

1210 Hal Henard Road  
Greeneville, TN 37743

Phone: (423) 638-3285

### Directions from I-81

From Interstate 81 take Exit 23. Take Hwy 11E North towards Greeneville for approximately 10 miles. Turn right onto Hal Henard Road. The Driver Services Center is approximately 1 mile ahead on the right.



## Handgun Related Laws

The Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) laws can be looked up online at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/hottopics/tncode/>. To find a particular statute, enter the statute number (i.e. 39-17-1351) into the search box at the top left of the page and click the 'search' button. That will give you a direct link to the statute you want to read.

<b>T.C.A. Number</b>	<b>Code Subject</b>
39-17-1351 - 1358	Handgun Carry Permits
39-17-1302	Prohibited weapons
39-17-1306	Carrying weapons during judicial proceedings
39-17-1307	Unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon
39-17-1309	Carrying weapons on school property
39-17-1310	Affirmative defense to carrying weapons on school property
39-17-1311	Carrying weapons on public parks, playgrounds, civic centers, and other public recreational building and grounds
39-17-1313	Transporting and storing a firearm or firearm ammunition in permit holder's motor vehicle
39-17-1315	Written directive and permit to carry handguns
39-17-1320	Providing Handguns to juveniles - Penalties
39-17-1321	Possession of a handgun while under the influence - Penalty
39-17-1322	Defenses
39-17-1359	Prohibition at certain meetings - Posting notice
39-17-1360	Rules and regulations
Title 62 Chapter 35	Private Protective Services Licensing and Regulatory Act
Title 70 Chapter 4	Miscellaneous regulations
70-4-103	Fox hunting - Training of hunting dogs - Penalty
70-4-112	Hunting and chasing raccoons regulated - Training season - Violations, penalties
70-4-117	Possession of weapons in areas inhabited by big game - Penalty

10-7-504	Confidential records - Exceptions
39-11-604	Reckless injury of innocent third person
39-11-605	Civil remedies unaffected
39-11-611	Self-defense
39-11-612	Defense of third person
39-11-622	Justification for use of force - Exceptions - Immunity from civil liability

#### **Federal Codes**

18 U.S.C.§ 926A	Transportation of Firearm
18 U.S.C.§922(g)(1-9)	Firearm Possession Prohibition

## States Who Recognize Tennessee Handgun Permits

You will need to visit the State's website at <https://www.tn.gov/safety/tnhp/handgun/reciprocity.html> to get the latest up-to-date list. Please check this site often as the list will change periodically and without notice.

## Continuing Your Training

Getting your permit is a great way to practice your Second Amendment rights and protect your family, but it should not be the final step in your training process. Instead, it should be the first step. There is much more to learn to properly utilize a handgun for the safety of yourself and others and this course has only scratched the surface.

We provide several types of classes:

- Beyond the Carry Permit
- Family Firearms Safety
- Introduction to Handguns
- Escapology: Counter Human Trafficking
- Active Shooter Armed Response (Popular with Church Security Teams) – Levels 1 through 3
- Defensive Handgun – Levels 1 through 3
- Foundations of the Tactical Rifle (AR-15 and/or AK-47)
- Tactical Rifle (AR-15 and/or AK-47) – Levels 1 through 3
- Basic Tactical Medicine
- Tactical & Home Defense Shotgun

In addition to group training, we also offer Private Training. This is available by demand. Please email us at [mike@dragontacticalinternational.com](mailto:mike@dragontacticalinternational.com) for more information.

We encourage you to visit [www.dragontacticalinternational.com](http://www.dragontacticalinternational.com) to learn about all the kinds of classes we teach.



Active Shooter training for a Church Security Team utilizing Force-on-Force training with Simunitions.

## Refresher Courses

In the future, you will find that you will want to catch up on the latest legal updates. Be sure to subscribe to our Newsletter for the latest updates. If you would like to take a refresher course, we do offer a discounted refresher course as well.