

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO REGISTERING FOR THE
ADVANCED FIREARMS COURSE WHICH IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN YOUR
SARATOGA COUNTY UNRESTRICTED CONCEALED CARRY PISTOL PERMIT**

(Note: You ***MUST*** have had a valid "Hunting/Target" pistol license for at least one (1) year prior to taking this course.)

YOUR ENROLLMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS COURSE DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT AN UNRESTRICTED CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED TO YOU!

Successful completion of this course is just one of several requirements mandated by the issuing authority when applying for an unrestricted concealed carry license in Saratoga County.

Once you have successfully completed/passed the entire Advanced Firearms Course (both the written test *AND* the live-fire/safe gun handling range work), you must submit an amendment form to the Sheriff's Office in which you request the issuance of an unrestricted concealed carry license. The submission of this amendment initiates a completely **NEW** investigation into your:

1. Background;
2. Character and fitness;
3. Mental health history;
4. Criminal history (Please note that **even one (1) prior arrest**, no matter how long ago it may have been, **WILL** have a significant impact on whether an unrestricted concealed carry license will be granted, regardless of disclosure.);
5. Moral character;
6. Prior and/or current illegal use of controlled substances (Please note that **any** prior DWI, DWAI, DWAI-drug(s) arrest, no matter how long ago it may have been, **WILL** have a significant impact on whether an unrestricted concealed carry license will be granted, regardless of disclosure.);
7. Immigration/naturalization status;
8. Military experience and discharge status;
9. Ability to follow directions and abide by the instructions of the Sheriff's Pistol License Office and the Licensing Officer/Judge.
10. Disclosure of an event, along with an explanation of same, may not necessarily satisfy the licensing officer, as suggested in paragraphs 4 and 6 above.

The renewed background investigation is conducted despite the fact that one was completed at the time that the original hunting and target license was issued.

Note: Even one prior arrest in your history may be considered justifiable cause by the issuing officer as reason for denial of an unrestricted concealed carry license, regardless of disclosure and detailed explanation of the event. Please be advised that each application is judged on its own merit, but, historically, an individual with even just one prior arrest has given the issuing authority serious concern when determining whether to issue an unrestricted concealed carry license.

Also, when completing the Pistol / Revolver License Amendment form that you will need to submit in order to apply for an unrestricted concealed carry license, you will see a question at the bottom of the form that reads:

Have you been arrested, indicted, or convicted of any criminal offense, been the subject of an order of protection, or been a patient at any mental institution since the above license was issued? ___ Yes ___ No If Yes, give details on reverse.

BE FOREWARNED! If the Sheriff's Office determines during the course of its new background investigation that you did NOT answer this question truthfully, you **WILL** be denied the unrestricted license. If any of the above is true, you **MUST** answer "YES" and provide information on the back of the form and/or attach any additional documentation you might have regarding the above. Please realize that ANY AND ALL ARRESTS since the time of issuance of your original pistol permit MUST BE NOTED, no matter how insignificant you think the incident was or what the final disposition was. This includes DWI arrests, arrests that never resulted in the filing of a charge, arrests that resulted in a Dismissal or an Adjudgment in Contemplation of Dismissal, arrests that have been Sealed, arrests that were adjudicated "Youthful Offender," and arrests that resulted in a "Certificate of Relief from Disabilities.

Although the amendment form only requires listing arrests, indictments, or convictions of criminal offenses, orders of protection, or time in a mental institution since the original restricted permit was issued, **the licensing officer has the authority to also take into consideration any such instances PRIOR TO issuance of the original permit when making his final determination regarding issuance of an unrestricted license.**

After carefully considering all of the above information, if you do not feel that you will be able to pass the renewed background investigation, you should **NOT** enroll in this course. Once the class begins, your money will NOT be refundable. If you do continue with the class and are able to pass both the written and live-fire portions of the course, you must understand that you may STILL be denied the unrestricted permit due to an issue that arises in the background investigation.

Please **CAREFULLY** and **FULLY** consider **ALL** of the above information **PRIOR** to enrolling in the Advanced Firearms Course as it requires a significant investment of your time and resources.

This message is being posted due to a substantial increase in the number of applications for an unrestricted concealed carry license being denied by the issuing officer for reasons directly linked to an applicant's prior arrest(s) or other issues(s) appearing in the applicant's background, character or history.

Remember...

ISSUANCE OF THE UNRESTRICTED LICENSE IS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE LICENSING OFFICER AND IS *NOT* GUARANTEED!