

LAWRENCE "BEAR" ERTNER

CHL Instructor Since: 1995

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Senior Instructor, Patriot Firearms

Lawrence "Bear" Ertner, our senior instructor, was one of the first instructors to attend the Department of Public Safety (DPS) training when Texas initiated the Concealed Handgun License (CHL) course. He started teaching classes in September, 1995, and over 2,500 students have taken his course since then.

Previously, he was a Small Arms Instructor for the U.S. Air Force, teaching Basic Trainees, Security Police, Officer Candidates and Foreign Students in basic handgun, rifle, shotgun and machine gun. As an Officer with the Department of Criminal Justice, he was part of the team to develop the firearms training program for State Parole and Probation Officers, and was the lead trainer in that area at the Parole Officer's Academy. He also served as rangemaster to two Law Enforcement agencies in their firearms training programs. For the four years prior to his retirement in 2006, he was "top gun" with both pistol and revolver for the Parole Division.



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He is instructor-certified by the Texas DPS, the Texas Commission On Law Enforcement Standards and Education, and the National Rifle Association (Basic Handgun, Personal Defense and Police Firearms). We are pleased to offer his wealth of knowledge to those who take our CHL class.