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### **NOTICE REGARDING SUPPLEMENTING PRIOR TRAINING TO INCLUDE THE NEW TOPICS REQUIRED BY THE OPEN CARRY WITH TRAINING ACT**

The Open Carry with Training Act is now in effect in South Carolina. This law changed the “Proof of Training” requirements defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-210(4) that are now required for any and all CWP training submitted after August 15, 2021. This means that **ALL** new CWP applications received or postmarked on or after August 15, 2021 **MUST** contain “Proof of Training” consistent with the updated legal requirements. There is no “grandfathering” for prior training that did not include these topics for new CWP applications received on or after August 15, 2021. The new mandatory topics of instruction are:

- (v) properly securing a firearm in a holster;
- (vi) ‘cocked and locked’ carrying of a firearm;
- (vii) how to respond to a person who attempts to take your firearm from your holster; and
- (viii) deescalation techniques and strategies.

If your prior CWP training course covered all these topics, your instructor was authorized to use the attached updated South Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit Instructor Student Checklist and your application will be processed in accordance with South Carolina law.

However, if you previously took a class that did not include all these topics, you must receive supplemental instruction on these additional topics to be eligible for a CWP. This does not mean that you need to take an entirely new CWP course. Rather, you need only receive instruction on the new required topics. In that regard, SLED has approved the use of the attached Supplemental Lesson Plan to cover these specific topics, which training can be done individually and remotely. Once the student receives instruction on the new topics, the student is authorized to use the attached South Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit Instructor Student Checklist. However, to ensure efficient processing, make sure that the date from the supplemental training is submitted as the training date.



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# LESSON PLAN COVER SHEET

<b>LESSON PLAN TITLE:</b> CWP Instructor Open Carry with Training Supplement - 2021	<b>LESSON PLAN #:</b>	<b>STATUS (New/Revised):</b> New
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<b>TRAINING DEPARTMENT:</b> South Carolina Law Enforcement Division	<b>TIME ALLOCATION:</b>
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<b>PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR:</b> SLED Regulatory Unit	<b>ALT. INSTRUCTOR:</b> SLED Training Unit	<b>LESSON PLAN PREPARED BY:</b> SLED Regulatory Unit
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<b>DATE LESSON PLAN PREPARED:</b> August 16, 2021	
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**LESSON PLAN PURPOSE:**

To provide guidance to SLED Certified CWP instructors related to supplementing prior training with the new content required to be instructed during CWP courses under the new "Open Carry with Training Law".

**EVALUATION PROCEDURES:**

**TRAINING AIDS, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, SPECIAL CLASSROOM/INSTRUCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

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CWP Instructor Open Carry with Training Supplement - 2021		New

**PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:**

To provide guidance to SLED Certified CWP instructors related to supplementing prior CWP training with the new content required under the new “Open Carry with Training Law”. This supplement is only required for individuals who had prior training that did not include the new topics and did not submit the new CWP application before August 15, 2021.

# LESSON PLAN EXPANDED OUTLINE

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Effective August 15, 2021, the Open Carry with Training Act changed the content required to be taught by CWP instructors. Specifically, this law changed the “Proof of Training” defined by S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-210(4) that is required for new CWP applications submitted after August 15, 2021. This means that all new CWP applications received or postmarked on or after August 15, 2021 must contain “Proof of Training” consistent with the updated legal requirements.

If an instructor previously taught a course that did not include these topics and the student did not postmark or submit the new CWP application on or before August 15, 2021, the prior CWP training course must be supplemented with this Supplemental Lesson Plan, which includes the new required topics.

A student does not need to take an entirely new CWP course. However, the student must receive instruction on the supplemental topics, which can be taught individually and remotely. Once completed, the student can use the South Carolina Concealed Weapons Permit Instructor Student Checklist and must use the date of the supplemental training as the training date on the application.

## II. BODY

### A. SUPPLEMENTAL TOPICS OF INSTRUCTION

SLED CWP Instructors must include the additional topics required by the Open Carry with Training Act as part of the “Proof of Training” required for a CWP course for any application received or postmarked on or after August 15, 2021. The new topics are:

1. properly securing a firearm in a holster;
2. ‘cocked and locked’ carrying of a firearm;
3. how to respond to a person who attempts to take your firearm from your holster; and
4. de-escalation techniques and strategies.

**1. Properly securing a firearm in a holster** – SLED CWP Instructors shall instruct students on how to properly carry a firearm in a holster whether concealed or open carry. Instructors should discuss retention holsters, methods of retention, familiarization to include practicing drawing with a holster, and the importance of a retention holster when openly carrying to prevent the weapon from being easily taken.

**2. ‘Cocked and locked’ carrying of a firearm** – SLED CWP Instructors shall instruct students on the proper method of carry for single action firearms. Instructors should cover carrying a single action firearm with the hammer locked back and the safety engaged to prevent an accidental or negligent discharge while carrying. Although single action semi-automatic pistols are not common for concealed carry, the carrying of “1911” style pistols openly are more common, and instructors should address with all students the method of carry and what “cocked and locked” means as well as why it is important from a safety standpoint.

**3. How to respond to a person who attempts to take your firearm from your holster** – SLED CWP Instructors shall instruct students on basic weapons retention defense to familiarize the student with how to stop someone from taking their weapon while open carrying. Instructors should discuss the risks of open carry with the students related to persons attempting to grab the weapon because it's visible to the public. Instructors should discuss with students' topics like, awareness, blading the body, verbal de-escalation, and defense techniques to defend against the weapon being taken. Instructors should also discuss basic weapons retention techniques after the weapon has been grabbed; including, grabbing the subject's hands to prevent the weapon from being removed from the holster, stepping down or away from the subject in a violent manner to dislodge their hands, and if possible, delivering a strike to the forearm to loosen the subject's grip.

**4. De-escalation techniques and strategies** – SLED CWP Instructors shall instruct students on de-escalation techniques related to the use of deadly force, confrontations, and scenarios that may occur which may be legally justified by using deadly force but could be de-escalated. Instructors should discuss with students the criminal, civil, and mental ramifications related to using deadly force and how attempting to de-escalate a situation may be beneficial to the CWP holder. Using deadly force as a last resort should always be considered and when safe to do so, attempting to de-escalate a situation verbally can be a better option not resulting in death or injury to either party.



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**South Carolina Concealed Weapon Permit Instructor Student Checklist**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instructor Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Training Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

**By initialing and signing below, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that I have successfully completed a SC CWP training class and have a working understanding of the following related topics:**

Initial Below:

- 1. The statutory and case law of South Carolina relating to handguns and the use of deadly force. Including, prohibited carry locations in South Carolina and the proper interaction with law enforcement officers while carrying. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Handgun use and safety. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. The proper storage practice for handguns with an emphasis on storage practices that reduces the possibility of accidental injury to a child. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Properly securing a firearm in a holster. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. "Cocked and Locked" carrying of a firearm. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. How to respond to a person who attempts to take your firearm from your holster. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Deescalation techniques and strategies. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. The actual firing of a handgun in the presence of the instructor. \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Applicants who qualify for a Law Enforcement or Military Exemption provided in S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-210(4)(b) are required to certify item 1 only. Applicants must provide required documentation.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*This form must be submitted with the CWP Application and the Instructor must retain a copy.**

By signing below, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that this student has successfully completed a course of instruction that meets the standards set forth in S.C. Code Ann. § 23-31-210(4) of the South Carolina Code of Laws and specifically included the items listed above.

Based upon the applicant's performance in the CWP training class that I conducted, I recommend that this applicant be issued a Concealed Weapons Permit.

Test Score: \_\_\_\_\_ Qualification Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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