



# First Aid: Review Draft Policy For Both Training And Gear

THANKS TO BUTCH BUFFALOE AND TANI IWASHITA, hunter education instructors and First Aid trainers, more than 50 fellow instructors completed First Aid training at the recent Yakima in-service training program. While that number represents less than ten per cent of our instructor corps, it is another step in the right direction regarding compliance with state rules requiring First Aid training and supplies in hunter education classes.

- ◆ A draft policy on First Aid training requirements is enclosed with this newsletter for your review and comment.
- ◆ A list of minimum supplies to include in all hunter education First Aid kits is also enclosed.
- ◆ Chuck Ray (eastern Washington) and Dan Boes (western Washington) will become certified First Aid instructors to increase WDFW capability to provide no-cost First Aid training for instructors.

Although 80+% of instructor respondents have *never* personally witnessed an injury during class, almost 20% say they had.

The First Aid survey conducted by hunter education division also revealed that slightly less than half of respondents had a valid First

Aid card. Another 25% of respondents indicated that they or a member of their teaching teams would obtain First Aid certification this year. Thus, fully 75% of our instructors should meet the First Aid training requirement by the end of this year *if* the data set accurately reflects instructors who did not respond to the First Aid survey.

And more than 80% of respondents have a First Aid kit available to them while teaching hunter education classes. (6466)

Although some instructor responses indicated "major financial impact" by the new First Aid requirement, almost 90% indicated that there would be little or "minor" impacts.

As noted in previous issues of this newsletter, WDFW hunter education division staff are ready, willing and able to work with you. Instructor teams are authorized to use class donations (not course fees) to offset costs associated with First Aid training and equipment. Alternatively, instructor teams that choose not to solicit donations may also request training and equipment directly from WDFW hunter education division staff.

The final First Aid policy will take effect September 1. Please be sure to provide your written comments on the draft by May 30.

## IST Dates Now Set For 2008, 2009 & 2010

MARK CALENDARS NOW for in-service training (IST) dates through 2010.

- ◆ April 11-13, 2008
- ◆ April 3-5, 2009
- ◆ March 12-14, 2010

Each of these three ISTs will use the Yakima Convention Center as our prin-

cipal venue. We've outgrown Yakima-area hotel capabilities for meeting space, and we want you and your fellow instructors to help us fill up the 41,000 feet of meeting rooms available at the Convention Center. We are now work-

ing with local hotels to lock in hotel rooms and rates, and additional information should be available by later summer or early fall.

Thanks again to all of our instructors who made the 2007 the biggest and best yet!

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### Dates To Remember

- April 20-21, Kittitas & Silverdale PSTs
- May 11-12, Burlington PST
- June 1-2, Yakima PST

### Important Contacts

- Olympia: 1-800-215-1979
- Chuck Ray: 1-800-468-5006
- E-mail: [huntered@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:huntered@dfw.wa.gov)
- Blog: <http://hunter-education.blogspot.com>

# Staying In Touch

APPROXIMATELY 825 INDIVIDUALS SERVE as instructors from year to year. Some instructors communicate regularly with hunter education division staff, while others may never contact us. While this newsletter is delivered to all certified instructors and applicants, it is only written six times a year. Toll-free telephone numbers (see "important contacts" on the front page) are another important communication tool—but the phones are only answered during normal business hours, Monday – Friday.

Effective immediately, hunter education division staff are implementing a "web log"—more commonly referred to as "blog"—to add another communications tool to our continuous effort to "stay in touch." A blog allows us to post timely items—such as hunter education division staff work schedules (which change from week-to-week)—and share emerging news such as the recent proposals discussed for the Advanced Hunter Education program. True, such a blog only serves those instructors with Internet connections and those who are willing to periodically check the blog site, but it's a growing population.

The blog site is: <http://hunter-education.blogspot.com>

Hunter education division tested the site in March and beginning April 16 will update the blog at least weekly. If you have hunter education questions or issues you wish to share with fellow instructors, you can send e-mail regarding postings directly to Mik Mikitik at the Olympia office. (6168)

"How does a blog differ from e-mail?" some may wonder. E-mail is basically an electronic note that is sent to all individual "mail" addresses. E-mail traffic has grown and sometimes becomes a nuisance with spam, phishing, etc. A blog, by contrast, is a particular site that individuals choose to access if and when they wish. Don't want your e-mail in-basket choked with unwanted mail? Not interested in receiving updates on hunter education happenings? The blog allows users to decide whether and when to check things out. It's timely, it's fast, and most importantly, it's free!

## Training Aids & Offers

**The WDFW** warehouse now has the following

Alan Madison titles in DVD format:

- ◆ Shoot / Don't Shoot
- ◆ Firearm Safety And The Hunter
- ◆ Survival
- ◆ The Last Shot
- ◆ The Hunter's Path

Laser Shot is also offering special pricing to hunter education instructors in Washington State. You can contact either Rick Osterback or Dan Atkinson for more details.

Rick Osterback 509-993-3098

e-mail [rosterback@lasershot.com](mailto:rosterback@lasershot.com)

Dan Atkinson 406-431-4890

e-mail [datkinson@lasershot.com](mailto:datkinson@lasershot.com)

You will receive an additional \$200.00 worth of software (two additional games) if you place an order before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Rick notes that the offer expires 5/31/07.

## IST OPTIONS

Options available for the annual IST requirement include:

- ◆ Home Study Option. Instructors who did not attend the April 2007 Yakima training will receive a home study packet to complete and return, or they can choose other options below.
- ◆ Instructor's Forum. Attend a meeting in your area with Dan Boes or Chuck Ray. A minimum of 10 instructors is required to conduct a Forum. *Instructors must request this option.*
- ◆ Chief Instructor Waiver. Any Chief Instructor who serves as a chief instructor in three or more classes can request an IST waiver for the calendar year. *Must request this option.*
- ◆ Active Instructor Waiver. A certified instructor who teaches in three or more classes with at least 10 hours' participation total can request a waiver. *Must request this option.*
- ◆ Cross-Training Waiver. A certified instructor who teaches with another group for at least 2-1/2 hours can request an IST waiver for the calendar year. *Must request this option.*

*Instructors must complete their annual IST requirement by 12/31 to remain active in the hunter education program. Instructors who do not complete the IST will become inactive.*

## Remember

**Policy: Instructors charging a fee of more than \$5 per student are required to get approval in writing in advance! This policy applies to every instructor and every team.**

**Bill Montgomery**, Pierce County, is this year's winner of the Terry Hoffer Memorial Firearm Safety Award (THMFSA). The award is presented annually to one instructor and is named in honor of Terry Hoffer, a Fish and Wildlife Officer slain in the line of duty by a careless hunter.

Bill was selected from more than 20 instructors who were nominated by peers and community members. He received his award at the recent Yakima in-service training session. Bill was selected for his tireless efforts in hunter education, his work on the Youth Hunter Education Challenge and his support of youth shooting activities. Two days before the THMFSA presentation, Bill was selected as Pierce County Sportsman Of The Year.

**Annual Service Awards** are an important part of the IST, and a number of instructors received awards. If you are due a service award but haven't received yours from Chuck Ray (eastern Washington) or Dan Boes (western Washington), please contact them directly. We always prefer to honor you in front of your peers!

**Instructor Incentive Permit** winners were also a part of the excitement at this year's IST—with 25 instructor names selected. The Fish and Wildlife Commission will decide on the final number of special incentive permits as part of its annual season-setting deliberations.

**The Yakima In-Service Training** program was our largest ever, with almost 350 individuals in attendance. Hunter education division staff are already planning next year's activities, and we invite instructors to suggest topics and instructors (including yourself!) of interest for the 2008 program. Suggestions?

**The Trainer's Warehouse** (1-800-299-3770) offers a time management clock (Catalog OHTM4) to help all instructors stay on time. Only \$34.95, plus shipping, but a great tool you *will* want! Talk to instructors who saw it in action at the Yakima IST...it works!

**John Blatchford**, Snohomish County, reminds all instructors of the Yahoo Group specifically for Washington's hunter education instructors. You can check things at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Washington\\_HE\\_Instructors/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Washington_HE_Instructors/)

**Bob Brown**, Tacoma, recently wrote: "I was disappointed to see that the Mossberg 20-gauge shotguns have a wooden dowel in the magazine tube that prevents loading more than one round." Bob's suggestion is to cut the plug to allow two rounds to fit in the magazine.

Instructors using the Mossberg shotguns are authorized to remove and cut the plug. Thanks, Bob!

**Larry Lufkin**, Thurston County wrote us: "The reason for First Aid certification is not because of "X" number of accidents (in hunter education). Instead, certification should be required in the event an instructor happens to witness an accident and his/her help is needed. I have never witnessed a hunter education accident and my team has only had one reportable incident in the 19 years I was team leader. However, this very low number of accidents still didn't reduce the need to be prepared—at all times—to take care of any incident that might have occurred. Certification is essentially another form of instructor insurance."

**Jim Brown**, Kittitas County, e-mailed: "Can we get a list of regional contacts for checking out Laser Shot systems? Can we submit an online request?"

Each regional office has one Laser Shot system available for instructor check out. However, instructors must be trained by either Chuck Ray (eastern Washington) or Dan Boes (western Washington) be-

fore the system can be checked out. Instructors who have been trained will receive a credit-card size authorization card from the Olympia office. Without the authorization card, instructors are not authorized to check out the systems.

Instructors can call or e-mail the respective regional office to reserve the Laser Shot systems. Remember, however, that the authorization card must be presented at time of pick up.

**Jack Dolan**, Medical Lake, recently sent in kudos for two staff. Jack wrote:

"When my four new instructors—all professional people—and one 15-year English teacher attended Chuck Ray's PST class in January 2007, they came back with nothing short of raving reviews. What they expected to be a boring, two-day training program turned out to be the most enlightening experience they ever had in any class. Our English teacher said it was the best class he has ever attended!

Same with John Wisner. Course materials appear like *magic*. Well, there is no magic about it, but if you want to call it by another name then you would call it John Wisner,. He's the man behind the scenes, our man in the warehouse. Depend upon him to get things right!"

## JAN's Corner

*Thanks to all instructors who have been providing updated information on new addresses and new phone numbers when moving. For those of you who have moved but haven't given us such details, please contact me on the toll-free line and provide us with updated information. (6797) Our "busy" season is just around the corner and I'm asking all Chief Instructors to contact me well in advance if they need numbered Temporary Certificates.*

# Incentive Permits: What A Great Deal For Instructors!

*By Doug Kitchens, 2006 Instructor Permit Winner*

WHEN MY NAME WAS CALLED during the 2006 In-Service Training program as an incentive permit winner I was both excited and a little confused. Excited because I really like hearing my name called out in public and from the look of envy on Chuck's face (Chuck is my teaching partner in Kitsap County), I knew I must have won something really good. I was also slightly confused because I did not know exactly what the instructor incentive permit program was all about.

Okay, so your name goes on a list and the lucky instructors like me are offered a special permit based on the order they were drawn out of the hat. When your name finally comes up on the list (e.g., instructor number eight on the list has to wait until the seven *luckier* instructors ahead get to choose their permits), you receive a letter telling you to pick from the remaining incentive permit tags. A first-come, first-served kinda thing! Well I am an avid elk hunter and since I was drawn as instructor permit winner number eight I knew that all the available elk tags were already gone. So I will admit I lost some of my initial excitement.

By the time my name and choice options came up, I was seriously considering waiving my permit and putting my name back in the hat so I might be drawn in 2007. That's when Mike Kuttel, hunter education division staff, called to find out why I had not yet responded with my permit choice. I told Mike that I lived on the "green" side of the state and I was not familiar with any of the areas still available as incentive permit hunt choices. Frankly, I was not sure if I could even handle hunting in an area where you could actually see more than 25 or 30 yards ahead of you.

Mike was quick to point out that he could not believe what he was hearing from me! Right about now you need to know that Mike can sell ice to an Eskimo, and he proceeded to tell me about the giant white tails that live in Region One. He then chided me, noting if I had half a brain I would take the permit and make plans to get on over there and hunt. Now I figure I have at least half a brain (although some may argue that point...especially Chuck!), and I absolutely love hunting so I accepted the permit. Now the only questions was about finding Region One.

I have always believed in the philosophy that it is "...not what you know, but rather *WHO* you know..." that matters most in life. So I said to myself, "Self, you are a hunter education instructor and there are others of your ilk that live and hunt in Region One (proving that there are brain cells at work here). All you have to do is call someone over there and surely one of them will take pity on you...if only to get you to quit calling every day!" I called the Region One headquarters—cleverly disguising my identity and my voice—and they put me in touch with Paul Wick. Fortunately for me I was able to talk to him by using the old telemarketing trick. Ha! I used my girlfriend's cell phone so when the caller I.D. came up, it showed "Honey" and Paul answered his phone on the first ring. He pretty much told me where to go and how to get there; boy, was he right on the money! Although I never got a chance to actually meet him, he is definitely my hero.

Paul made it sound so easy on the phone that at first I thought he was simply tired of pestering phone calls like mine. But as it turned out, it was all true. Go to the Tucannon River, turn right and follow the river to state lands. Then park, walk into the woods, harvest your deer and then head home. I found the river, found the state lands, found the woods and, yes, I even found the deer. What Paul forgot to tell me was that the deer in those parts of Region One are absolute experts at judging distance and know how to stay just out of muzzle-loader range. Trouble is they were still close enough that I could see 'em grinning at me! I am sure I even overheard a couple of 'em saying that I was one of those "web-footers from the west side and I must be lost. Nothing to worry about!" they seemed to say. (6656)

Well, I was lost...but in an outdoorsman's Dream World! I have *never* seen so many wild creatures in such a short time and in such a small area. Elk (two were 6 x 6 bulls), coyote, pheasant, turkey and even quail. There was one non-typical mule deer that had to be blind judging from the way his antlers were angled over his face and eyes. That mulie just stood there, casually looking of his shoulder at me from only 50 yards away but very secure in the knowledge that it was a white-tail only season. There is a lot more to tell about this special incentive permit hunt, but I'll leave that for another time, another newsletter article.

There are a couple of other things you need to know about these special incentive permits available only to certified hunter education instructors. Most importantly, they are truly a "wonder to have," especially if you enjoy hunting and being in the woods. They literally allow you to hunt in any season, with any means legal for that area and season. It was an absolutely G-R-E-A-T experience. I saw country I know I will come back to and I am grateful to the fish and wildlife commissioners and the hunter education division for such a fantastic opportunity.

Now I only have another nine years to go before I'm eligible to be drawn for a second permit!

(NOTE: Eligibility criteria limit these special permit opportunities only to certified hunter education instructors who have been both certified and active for the three preceding years. Instructors who are successfully drawn and accept a permit must wait 10 years before re-submitting a permit application. In 2007 we anticipate 25 special big game permits for instructor incentives. Final numbers depend upon the season recommendations adopted by the fish and wildlife commission.)

# From The Desk Of Lt. Mann, Enforcement Program

A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS came up at IST in Yakima that are valuable knowledge for all instructors, so I thought I would pass on the correct answers to all. I am condensing them down so if you wish to see the entire statute you should look them up on line or consult the **Firearms Safety, The Law and You** booklet.

If you missed IST, about 350 instructors were able to make it. It is a great experience to meet and greet your counterparts from around the state (and also get rid of the nasty little IST requirement). If you are able, plan to attend next year's event. You'll be glad you did. Onto the task at hand.....

Q. Can a child (under 18) hunt with a pistol?

A. The answer requires a roundabout look at various statutes to drill down to a final answer.

RCW 9.41.040(1)(b)(iii) actually prohibits anyone under the age of 18 from possessing **any firearm** (emphasis added) except as provided in RCW 9.41.042.

RCW 9.41.042 states that the above provision does not apply to any person under age eighteen who is: (1) attending a hunter safety course or (4) hunting or trapping under a valid license issued to the person. Normally RCW 9.41.040 would restrict a person under eighteen from possessing a pistol or any

other firearm for that matter. The exception effectively removes the restriction on children possessing firearms who are hunting or doing the other defined activities.

RCW 9.41.050 sets forth restrictions for carrying a pistol concealed, a loaded pistol in a vehicle or an unloaded pistol in a vehicle. However, RCW 9.41.060 then lists several exceptions to RCW 9.41.050 with one of them being (8) Any person engaging in a lawful outdoor recreational activity such as hunting...considering all of the attendant circumstances, including but not limited to whether the person has a valid hunting...license, it is reasonable to conclude that the person is participating in lawful outdoor activities... Again the exceptions allow possession and use (of in this case a pistol) for lawful hunting purposes.

Q. What is the suspension penalty for shooting another person or livestock?

A. RCW 77.15.720 sets the suspension penalty for three years unless the shooting is a result of criminal negligence or reckless or intentional conduct. Then the suspension shall be ten years per the statute. A suspension can also continue indefinitely if damages were owed and they have not been paid.

There were lots of good questions....but I'm out of space!

## 2007 Pre-Service Training Classes: Remember *New "Fee"*

LISTED BELOW are new instructor training classes remaining for 2007.

Pre-Service Training (PST) is one of the requirements for new instructor applicants.

Please note that all new instructors are required to attend a training session prior to certification.

April 20 - 21	Silverdale
April 20 - 21	Kittitas
May 11 - 12	Burlington
June TBA	Location TBA
June 1 - 2	Yakima
June 22 - 23	Goldendale
July 27 - 28	Spokane

*There is no exception—every new instructor is required to successfully complete the PST prior to certification.*

Signing up for a PST training is painless process. Simply check the PST training dates, decide which location and dates best meet your schedule and call hunter educa-

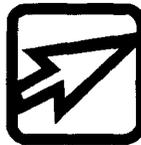
tion program staff toll-free at 1-800-215-1979. State your name, telephone number, your preferred PST training dates **and send in your \$25, refundable registration fee.** Then you're done!

Registration for all PST's must be made at least seven days in advance of the scheduled training dates. PST attendees receive and study materials in advance to prepare for the PST. There is pre-class work required and, therefore, we actively discourage last-minute registration.

PST enrollments are limited. Once a PST location has reached its maximum enrollment, registration will be closed for that location. In simple English, that means first-come, first-served.

A minimum number of new applicants per location is required to conduct a PST program. If we have too few applicants for a given location, we will cancel that training session. All participants will be notified in advance in event of cancellation.

As always, contact Chuck Ray (eastern Washington) or Dan Boes (western Washington) if you have any questions. (5035)



### *The 'No - Show' Problem Addressed Via \$25 "Fee"*

AS MENTIONED IN THE LAST SEVERAL NEWSLETTERS the increasing percentage of "no shows" (individuals who registered but failed to attend a PST) has been a growing concern.

Beginning in 2007 we now require a **fully-refundable \$25** reservation fee from PST candidates to deal with 'no-shows.' Just show up and cheerfully get your money back at the PST. Applicants who fail to attend their scheduled PST will see their \$25 donation go to a worthy hunter education cause.

The fee is not intended to raise money; it's designed to insure that interested applicants demonstrate and honor a commitment to attend.

# Win A Pheasant / Quail Hunt For Two In Eastern Washington!

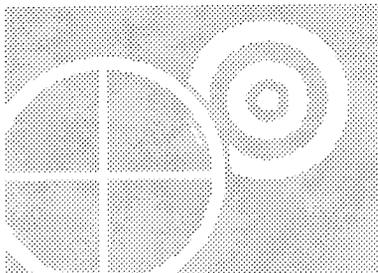
By Chuck Ray  
Eastern Washington  
Hunter Education Field Coordinator

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN a pheasant/quail hunt for two in eastern Washington?

Read further to learn how!

Two lucky instructors will win a one-day pheasant/quail hunt for two at Chuck Ray's farm located in Marlin, Washington. You may schedule your 2007 hunt during the month of November through the end of the season. (6954)

Chuck owns 125 acres between Wilson Creek and Marlin. If you would like to check out how well the pheasant or quail population has been doing on Chuck's property, just ask fellow instructor Butch Buffalo.



How can you be one of the lucky instructor winners? Here's how:

Starting with this issue of the news letter, there will be six instructor's certification numbers hidden through out the news letter. If you find your instructor number in this or subsequent news letters, you will need to call Jan Ulijohn and give her the following information.

You will need to tell her what issue of the news letter you found your number and where you found

your number (e.g., page number and the location on the page. All instructors who find their certification number and provide the required information to Jan will be put into a drawing for the two hunts. The drawing will take place at the end of October. The lucky instructors will then have to call Chuck Ray and schedule their hunt.

Of course, the rationale for this special offer is to encourage all of our hunter education instructors and applicants to read our newsletter. What better way to increase readership than by creating another hunting opportunity for instructors? I look forward to seeing you afield!

**GOOD LUCK and GOOD HUNTING!**

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