



**-ATTENTION-**  
**LICENSED HANDGUN OWNERS**  
**AND STEUBEN COUNTY CITIZENS**



In light of recent events that have occurred in the United States and around the world, I want to encourage citizens of Steuben County, whether you are licensed to carry a firearm or not, to consider attending the next Steuben County Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy, held annually at the Steuben County Sheriff's Office.

The Academy does presentations on the various criminal laws of New York State, self-defense classes, and instruction on firearms proficiency and safety utilizing tactical reactions to high stress incidents with a firearm training among many other Public Safety courses.

The Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy will provide you with the knowledge needed to take advantage of your legal right to carry a firearm. To ensure the safety of yourself and others, make sure you are comfortable and proficient with your weapon and knowledgeable of the laws in New York State with regards to carrying a weapon and when it is legal to use it.

The Sheriff is also offering classes in 2016 at the Police firearms range on instruction of the criminal laws pertaining to firearms use, self-defense and defending others in terrorist events. Firearms proficiency will also be instructed to participants, teaching the basic skills of firearms use. This is a great course for family members to train them in firearms proficiency and the laws affecting self-defense.

In addition, in these violent times with terrorism in this country, the Sheriff's Office provides free weekly self-defense classes at the Public Safety Building, providing invaluable training on how to defend oneself in various violent confrontations, developing a proficiency in self-defense and a proper mental state in a crisis. The course teaches defenses against armed and unarmed attackers. Contact the Sheriff for information on these important classes.

I also want to remind all Police/Peace Officers both active duty and retired to please carry a weapon whenever you leave your house. We offer retired members the ability to qualify with any legally owned handguns with instruction from our Firearms Instructors on gun safety, proficiency and the laws of New York State. We are the thin blue line that is entrusted in keeping this country safe, and we must be prepared to act at any given moment, and we are providing the training in every aspect of firearms use and the laws of New York State.