Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office

Carry Concealed Weapons (CCW) Licensing Policy

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POLICY
The Sheriff may issue licenses to carry concealed weapons (CCW) in accordance with California Penal Code section 26150, which grants the Sheriff discretion to issue CCW licenses upon proof that:
(1) The applicant is of good moral character;
(2) Good cause exists for issuance of the license;
(3) The applicant is a resident of the County or a city within the County, or the applicant’s principal place of employment or business is in the County or a City within the County and the applicant spends a substantial period of time in that place of employment or business; (valid for 90 days) and
(4) The applicant has completed a course of training approved by the Sheriff’s Office and in accordance with California Penal Code section 26165.

RESTRICTIONS
CCW license holders shall NOT do the following while carrying a concealed weapon:
 a. Consume alcoholic beverages.
b. Be under the influence of any medication or controlled substances.
c. Unjustifiably display of the weapon.
d. Impede law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.
e. Falsely represent to any person that they are a peace officer.
f. Bring a concealed weapon into prohibited areas including, but not limited to court, schools, federal buildings, sporting venues and airports.
g. Violate any law other than traffic infractions. Licensee must notify the Sheriff’s Office if they have contact with Law Enforcement other than a traffic violation.
h. Any other restrictions as to the time, place, manner, and circumstances under which the licensee may carry a concealed weapon is deemed warranted.

REVOCATION
The Sheriff may revoke a CCW license if:
1. The licensee has violated any restrictions.
2. Any of the conditions of issuance of the license have changed or are no longer applicable.
3. The licensee is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm.
4. The issuance of the CCW permit shall be displayed solely for identification purposes only to Law Enforcement personnel or other authorities requiring proof of a CCW upon request of the CCW holder. Any use of the CCW permit other than complying with a request for proof of the CCW permit shall result in the permit’s revocation.

LAURIE SMITH,
Sheriff