

Law Enforcement Contact



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Permit holders are not required by law to inform Law Enforcement Officers that they are in possession of a permit and a concealed weapon, unless asked by an officer, however, it is strongly recommended that the permit holder volunteer this information to avoid “surprises”.

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- Officers are authorized to require permit/non permit holders in possession of a weapon to temporarily surrender the weapon for the Officers Safety.
- **DO NOT ARGUE WITH THE OFFICER** – If necessary, file a complaint with the on duty supervisor of the officers agency.

Declaring possession of weapon and CCW permit

When asked by a law enforcement officer if one has a CCW permit, the permittee must answer truthfully and produce the CCW permit if required by any other law to carry the permit. If the officer asks if one has a firearm, one is obligated to answer truthfully (A.R.S. § 13-3102.A.1(b)), and should describe the firearm, its location and its status (unloaded, loaded).

The law does not require that one volunteer to law enforcement officers that one is a CCW permittee or is armed, but one should consider doing so in particular situations (*e.g., if the presence of a firearm is likely to become a safety concern*).

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Approaching an officer during volatile situations can further aggravate the situation. DO NOT approach officers without first getting their attention and requesting permission. Best to stay away. *1.) Ask the Officer if help is needed! 2.) Inform the officer that you are armed! 3.) Follow his directions at that point! If asked to help you are covered from GROSS NEGLIGENCE.*

Volatile Situations Cont'

In volatile situations when one comes into contact with law enforcement personnel, one should assess the situation quickly. Unless one can immediately leave the area, generally one should make it clear to law enforcement personnel that one is a CCW permittee and is armed. This is common sense and safety, but not a steadfast rule.

One does not want to alarm an officer or interfere with an officer. One wants to protect against surprise or concern under circumstances where an officer might discover that one is armed and mistakes one's intentions.

Volatile Situations Cont'

Such disclosure is not required by law. One must bear in mind that law enforcement personnel in volatile situations are operating under stress, are likely experiencing the physiological effects of adrenaline, may be concerned primarily with their own safety, and are armed. One wants to avoid becoming a threat or target simply because one is armed.

Contact In Traffic Stops

If a police officer stops you while you are driving and armed, follow some common sense rules:



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(1) keep your hands visible, preferably on the steering wheel;

(2) if your gun is accessible in the car or if the officer asks whether you have a gun, inform the officer that you are armed, that you have a CCW permit, and the location of your gun;

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(3) follow the officer's instructions (depending upon the officer and the circumstances, you may or may not be asked to surrender your gun during the traffic stop);

(4) if you are asked to surrender your gun, be certain that you communicate with the officer clearly regarding how you are to present the gun, and always remember the four basic safety rules.

Surrendering a firearm upon request of law enforcement (A.R.S. § 13-3102.J)

If a law enforcement officer asks for your firearm, you should ask the officer how he would like you to present it to him, and follow his instructions in a safe manner.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL ARE ALWAYS AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST THAT YOU SURRENDER YOUR FIREARM TEMPORARILY TO ENSURE THEIR OWN SAFETY.

Summary of LE Contact

Regardless of the Law Enforcement contact you have; ***follow the officers instructions!***

The 2 greatest liability's you have are your hands, make sure they are in plain sight at all times.



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