Frequently Asked Questions
on Firearms (CPL-Concealed Pistol License, also known as ***concealed carry permit***):

Q: **How much does a CPL cost?**
A: Originals are $52.50
Renewals are $32.00
Late renewals $42.00
Replacements $10.00
Lamination $.50 cents (highly recommended as permits are good for 5 years)

Q: How long does a concealed pistol license last?
A: Five (5) years from the date of issuance. It can be renewed 90 days ahead of your expiration date and a late renewal (with penalty fee) can be accepted 90 days after the expiration date. We do not send out notices to remind you of your license expiring.

Q: **What do I need to bring to apply for a CPL?**
A: Cash or check for the fee and your driver's license, which shows that you live in Lewis County.

Q: **I just moved. Do I need to have my CPL replaced?**
A: Legally NO, however, some gun dealers require your driver's license to match your CPL, so it's a choice. The cost to replace/update your CPL is $10.00 and if you want it laminated the cost is $10.50.

Q: **Can I get/renew my CPL anywhere in the state?**
A: No. You must apply or renew your CPL in the city or county you live in or where your primary residence is (if you own more than one home). **Exception**: if you live out of state you can apply in any county inside the state of Washington and instead of the customary 30 day wait it will be 60 days.

Q: **Do I have to be a U.S. Citizen to apply for a concealed pistol license?**
A: If you have Permanent Residency status and have your card you can apply. If you are not a Permanent Resident – living here temporarily you would need to get an Alien Firearms License prior to applying for a CPL.

Q: **What times are you open?**
A: The Sheriff's office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; closed on Federal Holidays. However, we stop taking CPL applications at 3:30 due to the requirements of background checks and fingerprinting time.

Q: **Do you take credit/debit cards?**
A: Yes. We accept VISA, Master Card, Discover and American Express; however, there is a ***convenience fee*** applied.

Q: **I have a felony on my record; can I still get a concealed pistol license?**
A: If you were convicted of a felony as an adult or juvenile you would need to petition the court in the county where the conviction occurred to have your rights restored. The petition must

reflect the RCW 9.41.04 (4) of the current state gun laws. If you have a Class A felony you will be prohibited from getting your rights restored.

Q: **I have a misdemeanor on my record; can I still get a concealed pistol license?**

A: Misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence can be held against you but your file would have to be reviewed to make a determination. Other misdemeanors involving drug convictions may also prohibit issuance of a CPL, but again we would have to review your records.

Q: Can I apply for my wife/husband?

A: No. You must apply in person as you need to be fingerprinted and a background check is conducted during a renewal.

Q: How old do you have to be to get a CPL?

A: You must be 21 years of age or older on the date you apply.

Q: Do I have to make an appointment to apply for a concealed pistol license?

A: Yes. We take appointments between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday (except legal holidays). Walk-ins may be accepted dependent on how many appointments are booked for the day.