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Testify in Court: Hunter Education
Administrator Jon King

From time to time you may get a request to testify in court. I would encourage you to contact me directly on this if an attorney wants to have you give expert testimony on a topic. By not being informed or assisted you may end up setting yourself up to damage your reputation and the end result is an attorney may use you to twist the facts to their desired outcome.

If you are the instructor that taught a student that is involved in a legal battle and you are requested to testify at court please contact me immediately.

Plan your 2013 classes: Hunter Education
Administrator Jon King

When your group(s) get together set dates for all your classes and get your start cards in early. I know you have 6 weeks ahead to turn it in, but it helps the public to know that another class is available in the spring, summer, and fall with your group. For example, John Dolan from Stevens Point listed (almost) all of his classes for the year. The end result of the public seeing all the classes for the year posted is fewer phone calls for you and fewer phone calls for us.

Guns: Jon King

I ordered 170 gun sets from Orange Mossberg and they finally came in. They will be distributed to your Recreational Safety Warden for you to use. Please contact them for details on this. FYI: I am still building more confiscated gun sets as time goes on, however the quantities are limited to time and supply. To date we have provided approximately 495 gun sets to the instructors to use. So don't hesitate to call your RSW and get on a waiting list for gun sets.

Other equipment in their hands:

If you need equipment that is commonly used in the Hunter education program please call your Recreational Safety warden and talk to them about it. They will talk to me about getting this equipment. Some equipment I will buy and some I won't. For examples, look below:

Won't Buy:

Roll of barbed wire for fence crossing
Browning Gold Medallion .308 bolt action with a Nikon Monarch 5-20x44
Bose speaker system for the Rod and Gun Club.

Will Buy:

PVC for making a fencing, 22 rifle or shotgun for the shooting portion of the class, Fall restraint device, tree stands, dummy ammo, glasses, hearing protection, other reasonable requests.

Number of Graduates as of 12/6/2012

In 2011 we had the following student numbers for Classes in the entire state:

Hunter Education:	23,617
Internet Field Day:	1,424
<u>Archery Education:</u>	<u>2,258</u>
Total	27,299

In 2012 we have the following so far that have graduated and more to enter since there are a few more classes left this year.

Hunter Education	25,965
Internet Field Day	2133
<u>Archery Education</u>	<u>2,253</u>
Total	30,351

So if it felt like you had more phone calls and people asking questions about hunter education this is why. We certified at least 3,052 more people this year and I think the trend will continue into this coming year. If I don't say enough THANK YOU for all you have done and all that you will continue to do!!!!

Field Test Form 8500-83 and 8500-83A Student Study Checklist and Field - Hands on Test

The form 8500-83 and 83A are in the process of being updated. Through recommendations from volunteer instructors, we are streamlining the test so it will be easier for you to use. In general, the content of the test will not be different. It will have a more consistent flow to it and won't be as redundant as it is right now.

Attention: ALL Hunter Education Instructors What is HUNTERCourse.com?

Over the last 6 months we have added an online vendor for Hunter Education program (huntercourse.com). Please note that this additional online vendor does not affect the way you have always conducted your class. Each instructor is certified to teach a particular course. Whether you are certified to teach a traditional course or the internet field day course, the policies that regulate these courses remain the same. The addition of the huntercourse.com program has caused some confusion for students and instructors, with instructors and DNR staff getting contacted by customers who completed the online program and looking for a field day or test day. Customers who take an online course (IHEA or huntercourse.com) need to enroll in a specific

internet-led field day course to complete their certification. A customer who has completed the online program cannot attend a traditional course test day or field day to complete their certification. Here are a few things to guide you as instructors with these phone calls or students showing up to your class.

1. If your course is not an internet field day course, you *cannot* accept them into your course.
 2. One-on-one classes have never been allowed. (Always advise students to look for a class on the DNR upcoming classes website at **dnr.wi.gov** (keyword search: **Hunt**).
 3. Recent legislation has created an "adult only" HE course. These courses are posted on the DNR website and conducted by DNR Staff only.
 4. Program consistency and integrity is very important; instructors should not certify students through methods not consistent with the program policy and procedure manual. If it occurs:
 - a. The student will not be certified and;
 - b. The instructor jeopardizes their certification.
- If you have any questions regarding this mailing please feel free to contact your Recreational Safety Warden.

A message from Brenda Von Rueden; Hunter Education Administrative Assistant:
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Have you ordered your instructor vest yet?

Instructors who have taught two or more years can order a vest. If you are on your first year teaching or just starting your second year you will not receive your instructor vest until the following spring as part of your two-years of service award.

Contact your Recreational Safety Warden if you need to place an order for your vest.

Sizes do run small so you may want to order a size larger than what you would normally wear.

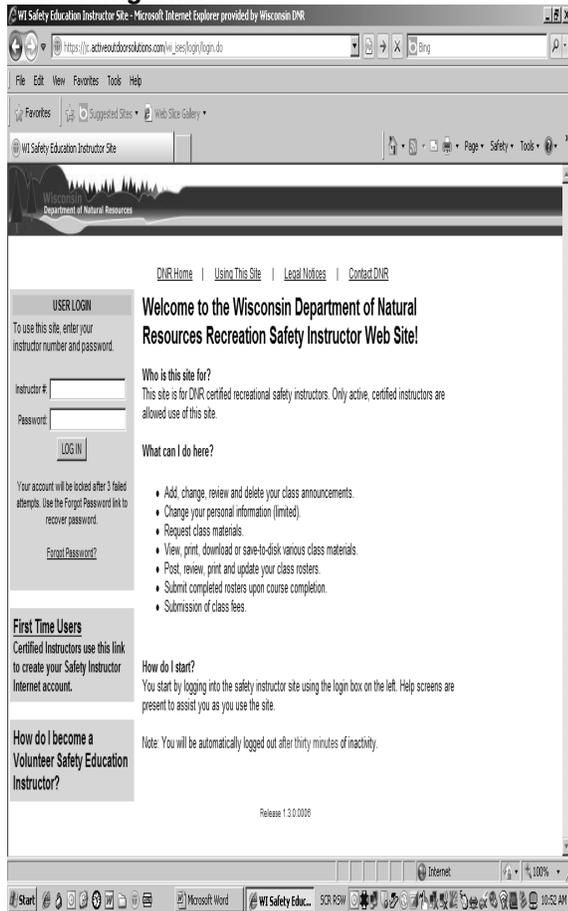
Online Instructor Database:

Have you tried the Online Instructor Interface Yet?

This system has been running for almost a year now. It allows an active instructor to update the instructor profile, register a course, manage the

roster and submit course fees online. It is call the “Instructor Interface”, a site that is connected and managed within our current license system with Active Outdoors being the site vendor. Bottom line, this system will make the job of an instructor easier and also reduce data entry and error corrects by DNR staff. Once you submit your fees students have their cards within days.

Online Instructor Database: Now is the time to start using this!



Just type this link into your internet browser and set up your instructor login.

https://jc.activeoutdoorsolutions.com/wi_uses/login/login.do

Couple key elements with using the instructor interface system.

1. If using the system you should use it from start to finish.
2. If you have Madison enter your start card and you try and process your class fee

you will get an error because there is no class amount entered. You will have to call your RSW or Madison to have someone enter the class amount, which is \$10.00.

If you're a lead instructor and are interested in learning more about the online system contact your local Recreational Safety Warden.

Some of you may not have computers or are not comfortable using a computer. Please think about passing this paperwork process onto someone in your group who is willing to use the Instructor Interface. It's quick and easy to use and like I mentioned before, students receive their certification cards within days of you submitting your class fees.

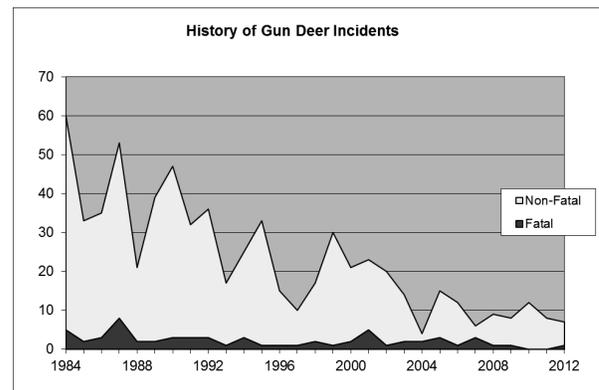
If you have questions or want to learn how to use this online interface please contact your Recreational Safety Warden.

Instructor Recertification:

You should contact your Recreational Safety Warden if you are not sure when you are due to be recertified. There are many options for you. You can attend a workshop, take the policy and procedures test or recertify online to name a few.

Your RSW can help you through this process and answer any questions you have about recertifying.

2012 Gun Deer Season:



This gun deer season we had a total of 7 incidents (1 of those being fatal)

This is our 3rd safest season on total incidents in past 10 years

Below the 10 year average with total incidents (10 year average =9)

Type of incident is consistent with historical data
1/3 self-inflicted
1/3 during deer drives

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Happy New Year!

A message from your Recreational Safety Warden in Spooner:
Mark Little – Spooner
715-635-4112

Dear Active Instructor:

It's difficult to believe, but January is rapidly approaching and winter will bring about a time to reflect on past accomplishments and set new priorities for times to come. As a recreation education instructor, January will also bring the start of a new continuing education time period and an opportunity to refine your skills and improve the already great programs offered in northwest Wisconsin. As the recreation safety warden out of Spooner, I am continually impressed by the passion of the instructor corps in this area.

During the first half of 2013, I will be offering opportunities for program-specific workshops and mini academies in various locations as listed below. Please consider attending one of the workshops in the program you are certified to instruct. Keep in mind, that I will be offering similar workshops in other areas during the second half of the year and in the future. Don't hesitate to call if you would like a workshop brought to your area for your group and others. I attempt to base locations on need and often fill special requests. You must RSVP for these workshops at least 10 days in advance by sending an email to mark.little@wi.gov or by giving me a call at [715-635-4112](tel:715-635-4112).

Consider each workshop as a place not only to receive training, but also a venue to provide your feedback, complaints, concerns, and questions. There will be time allotted at the end of each session to speak candidly in an effort to provide open communication and program improvement. I really look forward to these sessions and hearing from you.

If this letter reaches you but not other active instructors you know, have them contact me.

Enjoy our wilds,



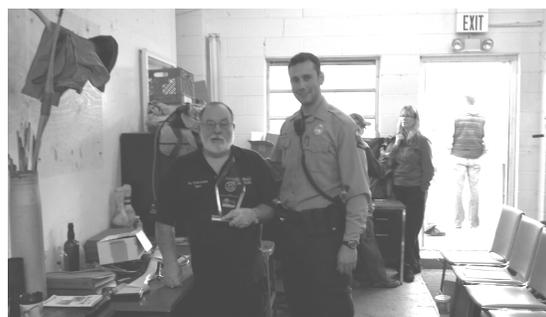
Mark A. Little
Recreation Safety Warden, Spooner

News from W.H.E.I.A.
<http://www.wheia.com/>

The 2013 Statewide Hunter Education Training Conference will be held on April 20th, 2013. Save the date!

The conference is open to all active apprentices, junior, and retired instructors. The conference will be held in Mosinee, WI with shooting nearby at the Marathon County Range. This year the conference emphasis is "Safe Range Operations and Live Fire Clinics" for instructors. Clinics will be held on: rifle, shotgun, muzzleloaders, hunting handguns, and archery. Ammunition and firearms will be provided. Expect to spend time shooting!! In addition, there will be a separate session at the range classroom on using the Instructor Interface program that makes completing your course rosters a snap. The conference will conclude with a statewide instructor awards banquet. Registration materials will be available by contacting your local RSW or by downloading from the WHEIA website, www.wheia.com.

Kudos!



Conservation Warden John Sinclair presented Ward Parameter his 20 years of service award. Ward has taught over 4500 students! Congratulations Ward!